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## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

### ADMISSION MECHANISMS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

We are looking for a highly motivated and independent candidate interested in conducting research in economics of education in a part-time basis (16 hours per week).

The ideal candidate will have:

- A master's degree in economics or related field.
- Previous experience in research projects in applied microeconomics (economics of education, labor economics, public finance).
- Advanced knowledge of statistical software. Stata (required), Python (desirable).
- Analytical and quantitative skills.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Finnish.
- Ability to work independently without constant supervision.
- Interest in conducting high level research and publish in economics journals.

The research responsibilities of the position include the following tasks:

- Conducting literature reviews.
- Collecting and preparing new datasets.
- Cleaning and analyzing existing databases.
- Reviewing and preparing codes for various types of analyses.
- Collaborating in the preparation of presentations for seminars.
- Supporting the preparation of research dissemination material in written press and social media

About the opportunity:

In addition to a competitive salary, this position offers the opportunity to work closely with researchers and professors with strong links to Finland and extensive international experience. The members of the research team have published in journals such as *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *The Journal of Labor Economics*, *The Journal of the European Economic Association*, and *The Economics of Education Review*. In addition to having the opportunity to be part of a research project relevant in the academic and public debate using administrative data from Finland, the chosen candidate will be part of the VATT Center for Economic Research. As part of VATT, the successful candidate will have a workspace at Economicum and will be able participate in the seminars and academic activities organized by VATT. The position also offers mentoring and support from the senior members of the team to help the candidate to develop as a researcher.

How to apply?

Interested candidates should submit their application to the following email: [andres.bafer@alumni.lse.ac.uk](mailto:andres.bafer@alumni.lse.ac.uk) with the subject "RA 2023: Last Name, First Name", attaching the following information in a single PDF file:

- A cover letter of no more than 300 words indicating their interest in the position, as well as the aspects they find most and least attractive about it.
- Updated curriculum vitae.

Applications will be received until June 30, 2023. Applicants will be contacted for interviews no later than the last week of June. It is expected that the selected candidate will start their activities in early August.