



Research Assistant Position in Economics and Finance

Work description: The candidates will be expected to assist with ongoing research projects in **Economics and Finance**. The work will involve theoretical and empirical analysis.

Theoretical work will include organizing related literature, replicating papers and (potentially) solving models. Empirical work will involve coding and running surveys and experiments, collecting, organizing, visualizing, and analyzing data (both large-scale and small-scale data sets), and writing reports.

The work is best suited to a student seeking to obtain pre-doctoral research experience in order to transition to a top PhD program in Economics/ finance, or a related discipline including management disciplines.

Qualifications: Candidates should at-minimum be in the final year of their Bachelor's degree in Economics / Statistics / Operations Research / Physics/ Applied Mathematics/ Engineering-disciplines or some other discipline that requires strong mathematical skills.

Candidates with a Master's degree or higher will be preferred. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in at least one programming language, such as Python, STATA, or R. Familiarity with MATLAB and LaTeX, as well as the ability to quickly learn new programming tools and languages, will be considered an asset.

Strong quantitative training is highly desirable, particularly in areas such as Real Analysis, Optimization, Linear Algebra, and Probability Theory. In addition, knowledge of Game Theory, Experimental Design, and Advanced Econometrics will be advantageous.

Prior experience in handling and analyzing datasets is preferred. Candidates should possess a solid understanding of econometric methods and economic concepts, along with strong written and verbal communication skills in English.

We value intellectual curiosity, creativity, and a strong work ethic. Candidates who demonstrate an openness to learning new ideas and approaches are especially encouraged to apply. Letters of recommendation are welcome but not required.

Tenure: The initial appointment is for six months, with a possibility of extension up to one year and beyond, based on performance appraisal and the academic progress of the RA. The principal investigator will have the authority to decide whether to continue the RA-ship or not.

Selection process: Shortlisted applicants from the applicant pool would be tested on the ability to understand a relevant research paper, and then on the ability to perform the analysis required in a curated problem set, along with writing codes (simulation/ estimation routines). These tests will be conducted via interviews over Zoom.

Compensation: The selected candidate will be offered a competitive monthly salary based on prior qualifications and experience, following the guidelines set by IIM Ahmedabad.

Location: Office space shall be provided on the IIM Ahmedabad campus. Thus, locating near the campus will be optimal. Flexibility in location is possible, but the RA should be available for regular offline meetings as and when required.

How to apply: Please apply using the link: <https://forms.gle/fbzSmNK11ZGbxALk7>. Within the CV, include one paragraph (less than 200 words) describing why you are a good fit. While not absolutely necessary, an analytical writing sample (MA/MSc thesis for example; empirical/theoretical/simulation- based studies) and the associated codes would be a welcome addition.

Deadline for application: The last date for submission will be 26 April 2026.

Date of joining: As soon as possible after selection.

Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for further processing. No communications shall be sent to the rejected candidates. Any other communications from applicants for status updates will not be entertained.