



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Pre-Doctoral Research Specialist Wharton Real Estate Center



JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will support faculty research in a number of areas within the Real Estate Center, including real estate, public policy, and urban economics. Computer programming skills are necessary; ability to analyze data and write reports required. We anticipate that the successful candidate would work at the Center for two years, before going on to a graduate program or a career in economics, finance, real estate, or related discipline. Independent thinking, a thorough understanding of economics, and self-motivation are highly valued in performing these functions. Candidate is expected to begin work July 1, 2026 with an expected end date of June 30, 2028.

Job responsibilities include collecting, designing, implementing and maintaining moderately complex databases; using access methods, access time, device allocation, validation checks, reorganization and statistical methods. Perform a variety statistical and econometric analyses. Write research reports, and provide research-related programming support. Independent thinking, a thorough understanding of economics, and self-motivation are highly valued in performing these functions. Ability to analyze data requirements, maintain database dictionaries, and integration of systems through database design is essential. Must work proficiently in most phases of database management.

QUALIFICATIONS

BA/BS in Economics, Statistics, Finance, Mathematics, Computer Science or another closely related discipline and 1-2 years of experience is required or equivalent combination of education and experience. High achievement in economics or finance courses; this provides the necessary background to understand the faculty research projects that will be supported by the Research Analyst. Clear evidence of strong skills in computer programming and statistics. Skill with some statistical/regression package (e.g., Stata, R, etc.) and/or other relevant programming package (e.g., Matlab, ARCGis, etc.) required. Some familiarity with at least one of the major AI platforms (e.g., Bard, ChatGPT, etc.). We anticipate that the successful candidate would work at the Center for two years, before going on to graduate programs or careers in economics, finance, real estate, or related disciplines. Recent Research Analysts have been admitted to the Berkeley, Harvard, LSE, Michigan, Penn, Stanford, and Yale doctoral programs in Economics, as well as MIT and Penn Statistics. This is a full-time, two-year term position, starting in the summer of 2026. The annual compensation is \$61,000-63,000 plus benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

Please find the link for the job posting [here](#). (Reference number: **JR00112439**)

In order for the application to be considered complete, please submit:

1. a brief cover letter, explaining your interest in the position
2. a resume
3. an academic transcript

ABOUT THE CENTER

The Samuel Zell and Robert Lurie Real Estate Center was established in 1983 by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania to promote excellence in real estate education and research. The Center is home to a distinguished research group, and is recognized as a leader in real estate, urban economics, finance, law, and design. Researchers at the Zell/ Lurie Center use state-of-the-art tools in applied economics and econometrics. The Wharton School is a world-class business school, a place where faculty conduct cutting-edge research and teach undergraduates and MBAs who will be future business leaders.

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