Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow Position

Professor Matteo Maggiori is looking to hire a pre-doctoral research fellow at the Stanford Graduate School of Business to begin in the summer or fall of 2021 and to be appointed for up to two years (one year, renewable for a second). Professor Maggiori research is in international macroeconomics and finance. You can find his work on his personal website www.matteomaggiori.com as well as the research lab www.globalcapitalallocation.com.

A substantial component of the work focuses on big-data applications in international macroeconomics and finance. The aim is to shed light on how capital moves around the world to improve international economic policy. Current projects include, for example, mapping how global firms finance themselves through foreign subsidiaries, often shell companies in tax havens. We use new data and empirical methods to uncover the underlying risk exposures of global investors to firms, often unwinding several layers of corporate structure in offshore jurisdictions.

Results from the research are of policy relevance and of interests to general media (such The Economist or Wall Street Journal) and the research fellow will be asked to also help in producing publicly available statistics and research summaries that help communicate the research to the broader public.

The research fellow will be dedicated to Professor Maggiori and interact very frequently with him (at a minimum on a regular weekly call). The fellow will also interact with Professor Maggiori's co-authors, especially the Global Capital Allocation Project co-founders Brent Neiman and Jesse Schreger, PhD students (research assistants and/or co-authors), and other pre-doctoral students involved in the research projects at Stanford or other universities. This is a vibrant community with plenty of interaction and the expectation of working collaboratively in smaller groups and then present research progress to the broader group. The fellow will also be in close contact with the Research Fellows community at Stanford GSB.

The fellow should take advantage of the broader Stanford community by attending regular field seminars, enrolling in one class for credit each quarter, and participating in training boot camps on specific topics.

The application deadline is October 25th, 2020. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on a rolling basis.

The requirements for the position are: A bachelor's degree or its equivalent, a strong quantitative background, excellent computer programming skills, and a serious interest in pursuing research in economics. A background in economics is helpful but not necessary. Previous research experience is a plus. Candidates from groups underrepresented in economics are especially encouraged to apply.

The research fellow is appointed as non-matriculated graduate student at Stanford and can take up to one graduate-level course for credit per quarter. The fellowship offers a competitive living stipend, tuition, health insurance, and allowances for laptop and software.

Due to the pandemic, there may be continuing or new restrictions on processing J-1 visas. At this time, OPT can be used for international students in the program. Similarly, while normally most interactions will be in person at the Stanford GSB, due the pandemic remote work might be necessary.

How to apply:

Please email Anne Patel (anne1@stanford.edu) with subject: "Maggiori pre-doc application" and attach the following:

1) Cover letter describing your interest in the position, your familiarity with programming languages (e.g., Stata, R, MATLAB, Python, slurm), your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects

2) Your CV

3) An up to date transcript (unofficial or official)

4) The names and contact details of two reference letter writers. Please ask the letters to be sent by e-mail on your behalf to Anne Patel (anne1@stanford.edu)

Short-listed applicants will be contacted in late October/early November to complete a technical exercise and a remote (zoom or skype) interview.