Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow Position

Professor Matteo Maggiori is looking to hire two pre-doctoral research fellows at the Stanford Graduate School of Business to begin in the summer or fall of 2022 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 out more about his work on his 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 Global Capital Allocaton Project (GCAP) Lab mixes data, economics, and analytics to understand how capital moves around the world with the aim of improving international economic policy. Current projects include, for example: (i) mapping how global firms finance themselves through foreign subsidiaries, often shell companies in tax havens; (ii) understanding China's presence in global financial markets; (iii) understanding how capital is allocated in emerging economies.

Results from the research are of policy relevance and of interests to general media (such The Economist or Wall Street Journal). While the research fellows focus is on learning and producing academic research, the fellows also have the opportunity to interface with policy institutions, produce publicly available statistics and graphical interfaces that help communicate the research to the broader public.

The research fellows will be dedicated to Professor Maggiori and work closely and directly with him. As part of the research process, the fellows will also interact with Professor Maggiori's co-authors, PhD students (research assistants and/or co-authors), and other pre-doctoral fellows 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.

In addition to the research training, the fellows have the opportunity of taking one class for credit at Stanford each quarter. Over the course of the two-year fellowship, this amounts to taking 6-8 classes and at the end most fellows have training equivalent to the first year of the PhD in Economics. This significantly improves their preparation for future graduate studies in economics.

The application deadline is October 15th, 2021. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on a rolling basis. In exceptional cases and if you are in demonstrated need of a fast track decision, for example a deadline on another opportunity, we offer expedited reviews.

The requirements for the position are the same as those for the Stanford GSB Research Fellows program, that can be found here: https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/programs/research-fellows/admission

In summary: a preferred candidate would have a bachelor 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 tuition, health insurance, a living stipend ($47,000 per year in 2020-21), a housing, transportation, and tax supplement ($6,000).

Successful international applications will be sponsored for J1 visas. Students eligible for OPT are encouraged to use it during the fellowship. While normally most interactions will be in person and the current plan is for Stanford University to operate in person starting in Fall 2021, this plan is subject to change and due the ongoing pandemic remote work might be necessary.

To Apply visit: https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/programs/research-fellows/admission and select Prof. Maggiori under the Dedicated Track option. The required materials are:

1) cover letter describing your interest in the position, your familiarity with programming languages (e.g., Stata, R, MATLAB, Python, and any others), 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.

Short-listed applicants will be contacted in late October to complete a technical exercise and a remote interview.