

Research Fellow in Urban and Labour Economics

Overview

We are seeking to appoint a Research Fellow to provide research assistance to a ESRC funded research project on the drivers of local prosperity differences in the UK, analysing the role played by people, firms and places characteristics. Over the course of this project, you will work with several team members across the three partner institutions, including the University of Sheffield, Aston University and the Resolution Foundation. You will be involved in a timely and policy-relevant project developing a quantitative analysis using micro-level data, at the intersection between urban, labour, and industrial economics. Your work will include: the preparation and linking of large administrative micro-level data sets; quantitative data analysis using panel data econometric techniques; helping to disseminate research findings and within and beyond academia, helping in the drafting of academic research papers and policy briefs. You should be able to demonstrate experience of carrying out high quality academic research in previous research projects. You should have completed (or be close to completing) your PhD in Economics, Statistics or a closely related discipline by the employment's start date (expected to be June 2024). You will have experience of secondary data analysis, in particular using administrative datasets like the Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO), and of micro-econometric methods using Stata and or R. As an equal opportunities employer, we particularly welcome applications from women and from Black, Asian, Minority, Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds as they are currently under-represented in this area. All appointments will be made on merit of skill and experience relative to the role.

KEY INFORMATION	Description
Faculty/department	Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Economics
Website	www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics
Salary information	£37,099 - £45,585
Grade	7
Contract type	Full-time - Fixed-term



**41 paid days
leave per annum
(pro rata)**



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Main duties and responsibilities

- Cleaning, managing and linking large administrative micro-level datasets.
- Undertake partly-unsupervised econometric analysis.
- Conduct reviews of the relevant literature and econometric methods.
- Be aware of and comply with, research governance and data protection legislation.
- Liaise with other researchers and stakeholders within and outside the research team.
- Support the organisation of workshops.
- Contribute to meetings of the research team.
- Support the dissemination of research findings by preparing papers for academic journals and presentations, and of policy briefs.
- Attend meetings and other events appropriate to the relevant project.
- Carry out other duties, commensurate with the grade and remit of the post

Further information

Line manager	Enrico Vanino
Direct reports	None

For informal enquiries about this job contact

Enrico Vanino, Associate Professor in Economics: on e.vanino@sheffield.ac.uk

Person specification

Our diverse community of staff and students recognises the unique abilities, backgrounds, and beliefs of all. We foster a culture where everyone feels they belong and is respected. Even if your past experience doesn't match perfectly with this role's criteria, your contribution is valuable, and we encourage you to apply. Please ensure that you reference the application criteria in the application statement when you apply.

Criteria	Essential/ Desirable	Assessment Stage
A PhD in Economics, Statistics or a closely related discipline (or close to completion).	Essential	Application / Interview
Experience of administrative micro-level data analysis to a high academic standard.	Essential	Application / Interview
Experience of microeconomic methods.	Essential	Application / Interview
Experienced with statistical software like Stata or R.	Essential	Application / Interview
Knowledge of urban and regional economics, labour economics, and/or industrial economics literature.	Essential	Application / Interview
Experience of using secure data (e.g. ADR and LEO datasets).	Desirable	Application / Interview
Experience of research governance and working in accordance with data protection legislation.	Desirable	Application / Interview
Experience in the preparation of papers for journals and presentations, and of policy briefs and notes.	Desirable	Application / Interview
Effective time management skills and a flexible approach toward work.	Essential	Application / Interview
Well-developed communication skills, both written and verbal, report writing skills and experience of delivering presentations.	Essential	Application / Interview
Ability to work as a member of a team and make a positive contribution to team meetings.	Essential	Application / Interview
Ability to assess and organise resources, plan and progress work activities, both individually and in conjunction with team members, prioritising effectively, managing ad hoc tasks as well as longer-term work.	Essential	Application / Interview

Next steps in the recruitment process

It is anticipated that the selection process will take place on 4th June. This will consist of a presentation of one of your related research projects followed by an interview. We plan to let candidates know if they have progressed to the selection stage on the week commencing 24th May. Contact econops@sheffield.ac.uk if you require any reasonable adjustments.

Our vision and strategic plan

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What we offer

- A minimum of 41 days annual leave including bank holiday and closure days (pro rata) with the ability to purchase more.
- Flexible working opportunities, including hybrid working for some roles.
- Generous pension scheme.
- A wide range of discounts and rewards on shopping, eating out and travel.
- A variety of staff networks, providing opportunities for social interaction, peer support and personal development (for example, Race Equality, LGBT+, Women's and Parent's networks).
- Recognition Awards to reward staff who go above and beyond in their role.
- A commitment to your development access to learning and mentoring schemes; integrated with our Academic Career Pathways and Professional Services Shared Skills Framework.
- A range of generous family-friendly policies
 - paid time off for parenting and caring emergencies
 - support for those going through the menopause
 - paid time off and support for fertility treatment
 - and more

More details can be found on our benefits page: sheffield.ac.uk/jobs/benefits.

We are a Disability Confident Employer. If you have a disability and meet the essential criteria you will be invited to interview