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Professor Jesse Rothstein is hiring a **predoctoral research assistant** to take part in his academic and policy research. Rothstein is the Carmel P. Friesen Professor of Public Policy and Economics and Faculty Director of the [California Policy Lab](#) at UC Berkeley. Examples of his research can be found [here](#).

The predoc will be involved in projects on a range of topics in labor economics and public policy, potentially including work on the economics of education, unemployment insurance, intergenerational mobility, the social safety net, determinants of wages and employment, and labor market and education policy. Data analysis will be a primary component of the job. This is a full-time position on a one-year renewable contract.

The RA appointment will be at the [Institute for Research on Labor Employment \(IRLE\)](#), and the RA will benefit from a community of researchers at IRLE, at the California Policy Lab, and throughout the university. The position may be particularly attractive to those considering graduate study in economics or public policy. Recent past Rothstein predocs have gone on to Ph.D. programs at Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Virginia.

Responsibilities

The Research Associate will assist Professor Jesse Rothstein's academic and policy research. This may include gathering, preparing, and analyzing research data; reviewing literature; editing drafts and presentations; and preparing charts, tables, and other visual aids. Specific responsibilities include:

- Cleans and prepares data sets, primarily from government sources, for analysis, using Stata.
- Analyzes research data; prepares and summarizes information; recommends and implements statistical approaches.
- Prepares graphs, tables, and other displays of the results of research and analysis.
- Assists with preparation of manuscripts and presentations, including gathering references, copyediting, and confirming internal consistency.
- Collaborates on the design, documentation, testing and implementation of research studies.
- Assists in management of research projects, including helping to coordinate research team and/or management of data access agreements, publication agreements, and other administrative aspects of the projects.
- Assists in proposal writing.

Required Qualifications

- Demonstrated quantitative skills and experience in data/statistical analysis, including analyzing large government datasets.
- Strong Stata programming skills.
- Ability to take initiative and manage projects with minimal supervision, including strong time management skills.

- Skills to communicate complex information in a clear and concise manner both verbally and written.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, including strong writing skills.
- Must reasonably be able to obtain within 4 months of start date (or already have) U.S. Census Special Sworn Status to access restricted-use data. See information [here](#).

Candidates must have authorization to work in the United States. The university is unable to sponsor candidates for visas. The position requires in-person work at UC Berkeley; it is eligible for up to 40% remote work.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in economics, public policy, or a related field, and/or equivalent experience/training.
- Coursework and/or applied research experience in econometrics, including experience with Stata or other similar language.

Salary & Benefits

This is a full-time, 1-year contract position that is eligible for full UC benefits with the anticipation of extension based on available funding and satisfactory performance. Hourly rate is commensurate with experience. The posted range is \$33.57 - \$43.11 / hour. For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University visit:

<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/index.html>.

How to Apply

The official job posting is [here](#); the job ID is 64282. To apply, create an account in the system and submit your cover letter and resume as a single attachment. Internal applicants can find the listing through [this site](#). The first review date for this job is February 14, 2024.

About Berkeley

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The University of California, Berkeley, is one of the world's leading institutions of higher education, distinguished by its combination of internationally recognized academic and research excellence; the transformative opportunity it provides to a large and diverse student body; its public mission and commitment to equity and social justice; and its roots in the California experience, animated by such values as innovation, questioning the status quo, and respect for the environment and nature. Since its founding in 1868, Berkeley has fueled a perpetual renaissance, generating unparalleled intellectual, economic and social value in California, the United States and the world.

We are looking for equity-minded applicants who represent the full diversity of California and who demonstrate a sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds present in our community. When you join the team at Berkeley, you can expect to be part of an inclusive, innovative and equity-focused community that approaches higher education as a matter of social justice that requires broad collaboration among faculty, staff, students and community partners. In deciding whether to apply for a position at Berkeley, you are strongly encouraged to consider whether your values align with our [Guiding Values and Principles](#), our [Principles of Community](#), and our [Strategic Plan](#).

Departmental Overview

The Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE) is an interdisciplinary institute at the University of California, Berkeley that connects world-class research with policy to improve workers' lives, communities, and society.

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