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JOB DESCRIPTION: Full-Time Empirical Research Fellow in Kellogg Finance Department

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Professors [Sean Higgins](#) and [Jacopo Ponticelli](#) are looking to hire a full-time **Empirical Research Fellow** interested in **finance and development** for a period of at least one year. Our research topics include law and finance, financial development, financial inclusion, and FinTech. For more information on the types of research projects you would be working on, please visit our websites (linked above). Research fellows that have worked with Professors Higgins and Ponticelli in the past have been accepted to PhD programs at top universities including Berkeley, Harvard, Michigan, MIT, Northwestern, and Yale.

The ideal candidate will have a strong quantitative background and programming skills, and the ability to work independently. Prior background in economics or finance is useful but not necessary; we welcome candidates with strong technical backgrounds who are looking for more exposure in these fields. This opportunity is ideal for candidates looking to develop their empirical and theoretical skills in preparation for pursuing a graduate program in economics or finance.

If interested, **please email your application materials to noah.forougi@kellogg.northwestern.edu with the subject line “Empirical Research Fellow application”**. Please attach the following to your application:

1. A cover letter briefly describing your career or academic goals, your experience with economic research (e.g., as a research assistant or your senior thesis), and a description of your programming background;
2. A current CV;
3. Complete undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial is fine).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. If you are interested in the position, **please send your materials as soon as possible**.

The starting date is negotiable, with a preferred start date of July 1, 2021. We pay an average annual salary of \$50,000 and provide standard benefits such as health insurance and the ability to take one course per quarter at Northwestern in preparation for pursuing a PhD.

Note for international applicants: Kellogg will provide the research fellow with the necessary J-1 Research Scholar visa, subject to USCIS rules and regulations.

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