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[Pierre Bachas](#), [Sean Higgins](#), and [Anders Jensen](#) are looking to hire a **full-time or part-time Research Assistant, based in Mexico City**, who would be available to access data in-person at the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) Microdata Lab. In the project “Towards a Cashless Economy? Evidence from the Elasticity of Cash Deposits of Mexican Firms” we are using firm-level data from a commercial bank in Mexico and from various INEGI data sources (the Economic Census, price microdata, and surveys of firms) to understand the impacts of a tax on firms’ cash deposits at banks that was implemented in 2008 and repealed in 2014. The selected RA would receive a short-term consultant (STC) contract from the World Bank.

The ideal candidate is fluent in both English and Spanish with a strong academic record, a bachelor’s or master’s degree, experience performing statistical analyses in Stata and R, and interest in going on to a PhD program in economics, finance, or public policy. Experience working with data at INEGI’s Microdata Lab is a plus but not required. Previous research assistants that have worked with us have been accepted to PhD programs at top universities including Berkeley, Harvard, MIT, Northwestern, NYU, Stanford, and Yale.

Research duties include:

- Performing statistical analyses on large data sets, primarily using R and Stata.
- Writing up results for presentations and publications.

If interested, please send an email as soon as possible to [Lucia Bertoletti](#) with the subject line “IDE RA Application.” Please include the following as part of your application:

- A one-page cover letter 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.
- One or two scripts (i.e. files with programming code) that you have written to analyze data in R and/or Stata.
- A current CV.
- Your undergraduate (and graduate if applicable) GPA.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The starting date is as soon as possible.