

Job Posting: Full-Time Research Professional

ETLA and MIT

We are hiring a full-time research professional to work on an MIT-ETLA research project on technological change and work, the “*Machines Project*”. The work is based at ETLA.

Timeline: October 2019 — October 2020 (12 months, negotiable).

The work could well be combined with a Master’s thesis on the topic (we are happy to help) or could be the first longer employment after a Master’s program in economics or a related field.

The research is part of an MIT research project (economics.mit.edu), advised by professors Daron Acemoglu and David Autor. The project uses new data to study the effects of technologies, such as robots and AI, on work. The work is done at ETLA in Helsinki and the employment will be under ETLA (www.etla.fi). ETLA is a vibrant, diverse, and supportive workplace.

The position is ideally suited for candidates planning a PhD in economics, and requires a Bachelor’s degree in economics or related field. The ideal candidates will have (i) boundless enthusiasm for empirical research incl. handling and analyzing large data sets, (ii) coding skills, (iii) the ability to independently and diligently solve challenging problems, and (iv) good communication skills.

To apply:

Please submit a single PDF-document containing the following materials to the application below:

1. Cover letter explaining
 - a. Your broad or specific research interests in economics
 - b. Your motivation for pursuing the position
2. A description of:
 - a. Coding experience (in particular Stata)
 - b. Previous research experience in particular any experience handling and analyzing large data sets
 - c. Previous coursework in econometrics (topics covered), and (briefly) in labor economics and public economics.
3. Unofficial transcript(s)
4. CV
5. Optional but encouraged: contact info for references (especially from a research position)
6. Writing sample (a thesis, course project etc.)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. All applications submitted by the September 23th will be considered. Application materials can be either in Finnish or English. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to participate in an interview. Working knowledge of Finnish is a plus.

We warmly welcome you to apply to be part of the research group. We know that applying for a job can be stressful and we will try our best to have a good process. More info: tuhkuri@mit.edu.

