

++++ Job Opening: Research Officers at the University of Zurich +++++

The Economics Department, University of Zurich (Prof. Hans-Joachim Voth and Dr. Bruno Caprettini), has openings for Research Officers. The positions are for one year in the first instance. Past research topics included the Industrial Revolution, the U.S. New Deal and World War II, the 1951 Italian land reform, financial bubbles, long-term persistence of cultural values, and the rise of the Nazi regime.

The position is well-suited for BA or Master's program graduates who wish to gain first-hand experience in research before entering a PhD program. Former ROs of Prof. Voth have gone on to join doctoral programs at LSE, Berkeley, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Stanford. We are particularly interested in people with a strong quantitative background, experience in computer programming, web scraping, and/or the use of geographical data for quantitative analysis. We offer ample opportunities to acquire these skills on the job. Curiosity, motivation and energy matter as much as initiative and attention to detail.

Requirements for RO position

- University degree in a relevant discipline (economics, computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics)
- Postgraduate qualifications (MA/MSc/MPhil) or a BA with an outstanding record
- Excellent research and analytical skills
- Good knowledge of STATA, ARC-GIS, Matlab, Python preferred

Our offer:

- Interesting and intellectually challenging work
- On-the-job training of research skills
- Competitive salary
- Travel opportunities
- Flexible starting date (ideally: September 2020)

Applications including a CV, a cover letter, and names of two referees should be sent to: bruno.caprettini@gmail.com.

For further information about our research and the Department of Economics please see: www.jvoth.com, www.brunocaprettini.com and www.econ.uzh.ch.