Graduate student researcher opportunity --

Work with California earnings data!

The California Policy Lab seeks a graduate student researcher interested in working with administrative employment data from the State of California. The data includes roughly two decades worth of linked employer-employee earnings and unemployment insurance (UI) claims microdata for the universe of UI-covered jobs in California. The GSR would be embedded at the Employment Development Department (EDD) in Sacramento several days per week (travel expenses paid), and will be jointly supervised by CPL research affiliates and by EDD research staff.

The GSR would have the opportunity to work on several important pending projects, including the dynamics of the UI system, exploration of employment patterns among individuals receiving public programs, and others. The GSR would also be in a position to propose potential projects of his/her own choosing using the EDD microdata, with the additional possibility of linking data to other local or California state data sources to which CPL has existing partnerships. (This has been successful with a current CPL graduate student placed at EDD.)

The primary tasks for the GSR would include data wrangling, data cleaning and analysis, and partnership relationship management. It is a great opportunity to improve data analysis skills and to work with this important data source.

CPL is seeking candidates who are strongly quantitative and have a background in programming, data manipulation, and database queries. Candidates should have experience coding in Stata. Experience coding in SAS preferred but not required; some on-the-job-training in EDD systems will be provided. **Ability to travel to Sacramento several days per week is required.**

We seek a 50%-time GSR (with fee remission) for the Fall. We prefer candidates who will also be available for the spring and summer, as we expect this work to be ongoing. Summer appointments could be as much as full-time.

To apply, please send a CV and short statement of interest to ucla@capolicylab.org. Please be sure to indicate (a) when you could start, (b) how many days per week you'd be available, and (c) your statistical programming experience. Feel free to contact CPL-UCLA faculty director Till Von Wachter (tvwachter@econ.ucla.edu) or CPL-UCLA executive director Janey Rountree (janey@cpl.ucla.edu) with any questions.