

# Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (Profs. Laibson/Choi/Beshears)

Economics professors David Laibson (Harvard University), James Choi (Yale University), and John Beshears (Harvard Business School) are hiring a full-time predoctoral fellow to start work in mid-June 2025. This position will last until mid-July 2026, with a potential second-year renewal, and will involve work on theoretical and empirical research related to behavioral economics, decision making, household finance, and health behaviors. The research uses observational field data, experimental data, and field experiments.

Salary is \$66,000 annually, plus benefits. Expected start date is mid-June 2025. Visa sponsorship is available.

For examples of our research, see our faculty pages:

- <https://scholar.harvard.edu/laibson/home>
- <https://faculty.som.yale.edu/jameschoi/>
- <http://www.hbs.edu/jbeshears>

## Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Performing statistical analyses on large databases
2. Designing and running experiments
3. Structural modelling and related econometrics
4. Proving theoretical results

## Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree by start date (required)
2. Strong programming and quantitative skills, including coursework in multivariable calculus, matrix algebra, probability, and statistics (required)
3. Previous experience estimating econometric models (strongly preferred)
4. Interest in applying to a quantitative PhD program and pursuing an academic career (strongly preferred)

We prefer research assistants who want to become professional economists, but we're interested in future PhDs in any quantitative field. Our past full-time RAs have enrolled in the following PhD programs: Harvard economics (14), Harvard business economics (5), Harvard public policy (2), MIT economics (8), MIT operations research (1), Princeton economics (1), University of Chicago Booth – finance (2), University of Chicago Booth – economics (2), University of Chicago history (1), UC Berkeley economics (3), Yale economics (1), Columbia economics (1), NYU Stern economics (1), Stanford economics (1) and Northwestern economics (1).

## Application Process:

1. Submit your (1) cover letter, describing your interest in and qualifications for the position, (2) resume, and (3) unofficial transcript using this link: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/12697>. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.
2. Qualified applicants will be invited to complete a data analysis task to demonstrate quantitative and programming proficiency.
3. Highly qualified applicants will be invited to interview with our team and provide up to 3 references.