[Jdm-society] Three-year Post-Doc Position at Harvard University

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We invite applications for a three-year post-doc position starting July 1st
(or soon thereafter) to work with a team of researchers co-led by Professors
Jon Jachimowicz <http://www.jonmjachimowicz.com/> (incoming at Harvard
Business School) and Oliver Hauser <http://oliverhauser.org/> (Department of
Economics, University of Exeter) on a randomized controlled trial (RCT) that
tests the effects of a poverty-reduction intervention through social
network/community engagement and cash transfers, primarily aimed at low-
income families receiving Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent
Children (TAFDC).

The post-doc will be based in Cambridge/Boston, MA, at Harvard University and
join our international and interdisciplinary academic team, which (in
addition to Jon and Oliver) includes Professors Nava Ashraf
<https://ashrafnava.wordpress.com/> (Department of Economics, LSE), Emily
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ily> (Goizueta Business School, Emory University), Johannes Haushofer
<http://www.princeton.edu/haushofer/> (Department of Psychology, Princeton
University), and Stephan Meier <https://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/cbs-
directory/detail/sm3087> (Columbia Business School).

The study will be conducted in collaboration with the Family Independence
Initiative <http://fii.org/> (FII) and the Massachusetts Department of
Transitional Assistance (DTA) in the City of Boston. The post-doc is expected
to be an excellent researcher and communicator, working together with
academics, the FII, and the DTA over a three-year period for the study.

Responsibilities and expectations include:

 -- Co-leading the design, data collection, project management, and other
aspects of the RCT
 -- Cleaning and processing the data, including complex data structure and
longitudinal design
 -- Analysis and compilation of methods/results, including advanced
statistical and computational methods (e.g., panel designs, within-
participant variation, social network analysis, & machine learning)
 -- Co-leading the write-up for top academic journals, including literature
review
 -- Conducting behavioral research (both independently and in collaboration
with the research team)
-- Summarize findings for practitioner audiences, both internally (e.g., to
FII and DTA) and externally (e.g., HBR)
 -- Being an active and contributing member to the Harvard academic community
Successful candidates will:

 -- Hold a PhD (or expect to have defended the PhD before beginning the
position) in a relevant field, for example, organizational behavior,
psychology, or economics
 -- Have a demonstrated track record of excellence in conducting field
research

-- Have strong statistical, quantitative and RCT skills; in addition, qualitative methods are a plus
 -- Have previously published in peer-reviewed journals
 -- Have the ability to work with and independently (co-)lead an interdisciplinary project team
 -- Be committed to open science practices (e.g., pre-registration, data/code/material sharing, etc.)
 -- Be interested in working with the research team on projects related to economic inequality, poverty alleviation, and similar topics

This post-doc offers:

 -- An unparalleled opportunity to design, execute, analyze and publish a large-scale, multi-year RCT on a socially-critical and policy-relevant topic
 -- Competitive pay and benefits at a world-leading university
 -- Working with a group of early-career and established academics around the world
 -- Chance to develop an independent research agenda as well as collaborate with members of our academic team
 -- Receive mentorship from our academic team (during and after the post-doc)
 -- No teaching requirement (i.e., a 100% focus on research productivity)
 -- Visa sponsorship (i.e., the position is open to applicants with and without US work authorization)

We strongly prefer a candidate who is committed to staying for the full 3-year time period in order to make the most out of this opportunity to work on a socially meaningful project. (Harvard provides postdoc appointments annually. While the appointment is for 3 years, employment offer letters are on an annual basis.)

To apply, please submit the following materials to fii.dta.boston at gmail.com <mailto:fii.dta.boston at gmail.com>:
 -- Cover letter explaining your interest in this project and potential start date
 -- CV, including (if available) link to OSF/github page(s)
 -- References for three letters of recommendation
 -- Research statement
 -- Sample of published/working papers (up to max. 3)
For questions or an informal conversation about this position, please contact Jon Jachimowicz (jonmjachimowicz at gmail.com <mailto:jonmjachimowicz at gmail.com>) and Oliver Hauser (o.hauser at exeter.ac.uk <mailto:o.hauser at exeter.ac.uk>).

We particularly welcome female applicants and those from underrepresented minorities.

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