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Jobs

RA Position

The Economic Analysis group in the Research Department at the Fed is in the process of collecting RA applications from Ph.D. students. The RA work encompasses a wide range of activities from data collection, analysis, and econometrics with Stata to programming dynamic heterogeneous agent models with Matlab or Fortran. In addition, an example of a potential project would be examining the racial gap in income earnings and employment. In particular, establishing the causal effect of residential segregation on these gaps. Please submit a statement of interest, CV and unofficial transcript to Wendy Williamson.

Economist

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking an Economist in the Montana State Office, Division of Energy, Minerals, & Realty. This position will provide guidance and assistance to the districts and other State office divisions and staffs of the Montana BLM in regional economic impact analyses for land use planning and the economic valuation of all solid, leasable mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. [Apply online \(federal employees\)](#)
[Apply online \(all citizens\)](#)

Policy Economist

A vacancy exists at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in Tauranga, New Zealand for a policy economist working in the water policy team. This role involves policy writing, coordinating and undertaking economic analysis, providing specialist economic advice and interpretation to inform National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management planning decisions. Contact [Sandra Barns](#) for more information.

Lead Economist

The Nature Conservancy is in search of a lead economist to offer technical, strategic leadership for the Conservancy's Office of the Chief Scientist in the areas of economics and behavior change. This expertise will be applied to create change in markets, policies, practices and governance relating to a broad range of conservation issues such as climate mitigation and adaptation, sustainable agriculture intensification, grazing lands management, renewable energy expansion, optimal landscape management, water resource management, fisheries, forest management, poverty alleviation, corporate sustainability, human health, conservation finance and impact investing, and consumer choice. S/he will drive efforts to establish TNC as a global leader in the application of economics to conservation challenges at the intersection of nature and human well-being including the global climate challenge. S/he conducts original research, publishes findings and communicates to diverse audiences to advance the evidence base for existing and

emerging conservation strategies in support of TNC organizational goals. [Apply online](#) position number 44461 and submit resume and cover letter as one document.

Senior Evaluator

Professional Data Analysts, Inc. is an independent evaluation and statistical consulting company that works with departments of health in states across the country to evaluate public health programs. They are currently in search of a senior evaluator to conduct formative and summative evaluations for both program improvement and accountability purposes. For more information and to apply online, visit the [PDA website](#).

Extension Specialist

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho is soliciting applications for an Assistant Professor-Extension Specialist. The individual will be expected to develop an impactful extension program, based on nationally-recognized research in agricultural economics. Areas of emphasis include: Economics of crop production in face of increased water competition, economics of crop diseases and mitigation technologies, economics of industrial organization of production & processing sectors and interaction of agricultural & environmental policy with firm level decision-making. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Alston, J.M., and P.G. Pardey "Antipodean agricultural and resource economics at 60: agricultural innovation." *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* (2016). DOI:10.1111/1467-8489.12162. Available [online](#).

Bellemare, M.F., and L. Novak "Contract Farming and Food Security." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (2016). DOI:10.1093/ajae/aaw053. [Available online](#).

Grobe, D., E.E. Davis, E.K. Scott, and R.B. Weber "Using Policy-Relevant Administrative Data in Mixed Methods: A Study of Employment Instability and Parents' Use of Child Care Subsidies." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* (2016):1-17. [Available online](#).

Liu, J., K. Ma, P. Ciais, and S. Polasky "Reducing human nitrogen use for food production." *Scientific Reports* 6 (2016):30104. [Available online](#).

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