

Junior Specialist/Assistant Specialist - Economics/The  
Center for Healthcare Marketplace Innovation - Haas  
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**Job Title** Junior Specialist/Assistant Specialist -  
Economics/The Center for Healthcare Marketplace  
Innovation - Haas School of Business

**Department** Haas School of Business

**Institution** University of California Berkeley  
Berkeley, California

**Date Posted** Apr. 28, 2025

**Application Deadline** 09/01/2025

**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Research Scientist/Associate

**Academic Field(s)** Health Economics

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### Position overview

**Position title:** Junior Specialist or Assistant Specialist

**Salary range:** The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay at appointment. See the following table for the current [https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf)

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). The current full-time salary range for Junior Specialist positions is \$53,100 to \$56,600. Final salary will be commensurate with level of experience. The current full-time salary for Assistant Specialist positions is \$61,300 to \$68,300. Final salary will be commensurate with level of experience.

**Percent time:** 100%

**Anticipated start:** 7/1/2025

**Position duration:** 1 year

**Application Window**

**Open date:** April 25, 2025

**Next review date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Monday, Sep 1, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

**Position description**

The Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley is seeking highly motivated individuals for the position of Junior or Assistant Specialist for the academic year 2025-2026. This is a one-year position with the possibility of renewal for a second year. The end date is dependent on the start date, which may vary, but will likely be July 2025.

The Center for Healthcare Marketplace Innovation (CHMI) is accelerating the development of economic and computational solutions that will transform the delivery of healthcare. We combine cutting-edge research on decision-making and economics with machine learning and AI research to make informed interventions and drive change. The candidates would work with Haas Economic Analysis & Policy group Professor Jonathan Kolstad and Economics Assistant Professor Nano Barahona.

The positions are to assist in economic and computational research in health care and education including topics of machine learning, causal inference, labor and personnel, provider decision-making, and productivity.

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The position will assist with data processing and analysis, survey design, simulation techniques, literature reviews, and presentations, all responsibilities that serve as excellent preparation for Ph.D. programs in economics. The research assistant will work with professors Handel, Kolstad, and Barahona, along with their co-authors, on research projects in health economics, education economics, and industrial organization.

**General Duties:**

- Assist in designing and interpreting analyses, involving knowledge and experience in reduced form (difference-in-difference, regression discontinuity, instrumental variables) and structural econometrics (method of moments, maximum likelihood, dynamic programming) and methods of causal inference. (20% time)
- Write computer code to maintain data and implement analyses. (20% time)
- Maintain accurate documentation of work. (20% time)
- Clean data, identify problems with data or coding, and resolve technical problems. (10% time)
- Assist in preparation for research manuscripts and project reports and generate tables and graphs for publications. (10% time)
- Monitor datasets and statistical deliverables for quality assurance. (10% time)
- Collaborate with research team and other experts in the field regarding ongoing analyses of the project. (10% time)

**Qualifications**

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

The minimum qualification to be enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree, or equivalent international degree program at time of application.

**Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

A Bachelor's Degree, or equivalent international degree at the start of appointment.

**Preferred qualifications**

- A Bachelor's degree or in a quantitative field, including Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Economics or related and theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge in the area of Economics.
- An advanced degree and/or prior experience in writing for a graduate-level audience in economics by start date are preferred.
- Demonstrated proficiency to work as part of a research team and/or previous experience working

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with data in a research context.

- A Bachelor's degree or experience in a quantitative field, including Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Economics or related.
- A background in economics is a plus, but candidates with technical backgrounds who are looking for more exposure to economics are welcomed.
- Prior research experience, either for independent research or as a research assistant.
- Ability to work independently.
- A strong academic record during the candidate's undergraduate degree program.

## Application Requirements

### Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Statement of Research - Please discuss research accomplishments and proposed plans. This can include, for example, your publication record, awards, presentations, and inclusive research practices that promote the excellence of your research.  
(Optional)

### Reference requirements

- 3-5 required (contact information only)

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**Job location**  
Berkeley, CA

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