Job Description
SEII Full Time Research Assistant

The School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative (SEII) is looking for a motivated and organized Research Assistant who will support efforts to evaluate and improve education programs and policies. Examples of past and on-going research projects can be found at http://seii.mit.edu/. The Research Assistant will work directly under MIT Professors Joshua Angrist, Parag Pathak, and David Autor.

Specific tasks shall include: constructing original research data sets; preparing data for analysis; conducting analysis in statistical packages to answer specific research questions; presenting results at weekly team meetings; preparing results for both academic and policy audiences; code management and project documentation; other tasks, as assigned.

A minimum of a bachelor’s degree in Math, Economics, Statistics, or Computer Science and strong quantitative and programming skills are required. Candidates with previous research experience are strongly preferred. Most programming will be done in Stata and Python, though experience with other languages will be beneficial. The ideal candidate must also have strong communications skills. These include the ability to interpret and explain findings to a variety of audiences. Candidates should expect to closely collaborate with the professors and other SEII team members at all stages of research projects.

The position is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. An employment term of at least one year is expected. Start date is flexible, though candidates who can begin on or before January 15, 2014 are strongly preferred. The position is well suited for candidates who are considering pursuing a graduate degree in Economics or another quantitative discipline.

If interested, please send the following by email to Annice Correia at correia@nber.org:

- a one-page cover letter briefly describing your experience and career goals
- a CV
- a complete undergraduate transcript and graduate transcript, if applicable
  (They do not need to be official.)

Strong candidates can expect to be contacted within a week with information about interviews.