

HEALTH ECONOMICS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

OVERVIEW

Harvard University's [Opportunity Insights](#), is seeking applicants for a **Health Economics Post-doctoral Fellow** to work on health-related projects with professors Raj Chetty (Harvard University), John Friedman (Brown University), Nathan Hendren (Harvard University), and Michael Stepner (University of Toronto). The position will involve work on multiple projects in health economics, with a general focus on how public policy can improve the health and financial security of low-income populations and that builds on [prior work](#) on income, mortality, and economic mobility. In particular, the Fellow will support work on a recently awarded [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) award](#) to develop, analyze, and disseminate a new database to measure the association between income, race, and mortality in relation to COVID-19 and broader health conditions, as well as work on other research related to health economics and equity.

Opportunity Insights (OI) is a nonpartisan research and policy institute focused on improving economic opportunity. Founded in 2018, Opportunity Insight has become a nationally- and internationally-recognized leader in the science of economic mobility and in the use of large administrative data to understand and address inequality. Opportunity Insights has published seminal work on national trends in upward mobility, racial disparities, the role of neighborhoods and higher education in upward mobility, and most recently, the use of private-sector data to understand disparate impacts in the current economic recession and recovery. The Health Economics Postdoctoral Fellow will assist in OI's growing work in health disparities and health economics.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Health Economics Postdoctoral Fellow will work closely with OI co-Directors and other Research Principals to conduct rigorous, high-quality public policy and health research. Fellows will be invited to work on both OI work as well as have time for independent, complementary research. Fellows will be involved in all stages of research to study the determinants of health inequality by income, race, and other dimensions in the United States and globally. Responsibilities will include—but are not limited to— conceptualizing and conducting statistical analyses, programming following best practices for reproducible research, summarizing and presenting findings, and co-authoring manuscripts.

REQUIREMENTS

The ideal candidate should be completing (or have completed) a PhD in economics, public health, statistics, computer science, or a related field and will have: (i) a strong background in econometrics and/or biostatistics, (ii) strong statistical programming skills, (iii) enthusiasm for empirical research on topics in health and public economics, (iv) an excellent academic record, and (v) prior experience with robust independent research.

We invite applications from candidates with a background in health economics and applied microeconomic research who would be eager to focus their efforts coauthoring projects with us

studying public health and the determinants of upward mobility in the US. Applicants are expected to have strong analytical skills and also work well in team settings.

This is a full-time, one-year position supported by a [NIH grant](#) on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research on COVID-19. Appointment to begin July 1, 2022, renewable for a second year based on mutual agreement.

We especially encourage applications from backgrounds under-represented in economics. The position is fully funded with no teaching requirements. The salary will be competitive with other top post-doctoral positions in economics.

REPORTING LINES

Reports directly to OI co-Directors and Research Principals

LOCATION

Cambridge, MA

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

Harvard University views equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging as the pathway to achieving inclusive excellence and fostering a campus culture where everyone can thrive. We strive to create a community that draws upon the widest possible pool of talent to unify excellence and diversity while fully embracing individuals from varied backgrounds, cultures, races, identities, life experiences, perspectives, beliefs, and values.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should use the [Harvard application portal](#) to send:

- a **letter of interest** describing their interest in the position, prior research experience, and substantive research interests and plans
- their **current CV**
- names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of **3 references**. Reference letters are required; references will be contacted independently to submit reference letters.
- one original **research paper**. Applicants may submit up to two additional papers.

All materials should be sent via the Harvard application portal. Please specify in materials that this is for the Health Economics Postdoctoral Fellow position. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, or any other characteristic protected by law.

