Postdoctoral Research Positions in Insurance, Risk Management and Behavioral Decision Making

Academic Year 2017-2018

The Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is seeking applicants for two (2) postdoctoral fellowship positions, one (1) in risk analysis and risk management and one (1) in social and behavioral decision making. Priority will be given to applicants with an active interest in applying theories, empirical analyses, and methods of decision making to problems of interest to the Center, which include environmental sustainability, natural hazards, protection against human-made and natural risks, and resilience toward extreme events. Applicants will work on on-going funded projects in these areas with the Center’s directors (Howard Kunreuther, Robert Meyer and Jeffrey Czajkowski) as well as with faculty in the Wharton School and other parts of the University. Post-docs are also expected to take the lead in developing and undertaking original research projects and will have time to complete unfinished papers from their dissertation or previous research. Applicants are welcome from a variety of fields, including economics, risk management and insurance, environmental science, psychology, and sociology.

Location: Philadelphia, PA – USA
Starting date: Summer 2017
Length: 1 year (with possibility of renewal)

How to apply: Please email your C.V., 1 or 2 representative publications or working papers and a letter of recommendation to Maria Puciata (mpuciata@wharton.upenn.edu). Applicants must have a Ph.D. (expected completion by the summer of 2017 is acceptable) from an accredited institution. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Deadline: March 31, 2017.

About the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center

For three decades, the Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania has been at the forefront of basic and applied research to promote effective corporate and public policies for low probability events with potentially catastrophic consequences. Building on the disciplines of economics, finance, insurance, marketing, psychology and decision sciences, the Center supports and undertakes field and experimental studies of risk and uncertainty to better understand the linkage between descriptive and prescriptive approaches under various regulatory and market conditions. The Center now includes 70 faculty, research fellows and visiting scholars from all over the world to undertake large-scale initiatives. Providing expertise and a neutral environment for discussion, the Center team is also concerned with training decision makers and promoting a dialogue among industry, governments, interest groups and academics through its research and policy publications and through sponsored seminars and forums. For more information, visit http://riskcenter.wharton.upenn.edu/.

The University of Pennsylvania values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. The University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women, minority candidates, veterans and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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