**INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION**

**Research Assistant in the**

**Department of Economics and Finance**

**on the research project:**

**“Gun availability, economic shocks and suicides”**

***1. Institutional details***

* Tutor name and email: Christoph Koenig (Christoph.Koenig@uniroma2.it)
* Economic fields: Economics of Crime, Health Economics, Behavioral Economics
* Internship start date (please indicate if flexible or not): ASAP (but generally flexible)
* Full-time/Part-time: Part-time

***2. Skills and Experience required***

* Languages required: English **(I'm also always looking for good German-speaking RAs. In case you know anyone interested, feel free to pass on my contact details)**
* Degree requirement: Enrollment in MSc Economics
* Skills required: (very) good knowledge of R; curiosity, initiative and attention to detail

***3. Job description: “Gun availability, economic shocks and suicides”***

* The objective of this research project is to study the impact of gun availability on suicide rates in U.S. counties during two major economic crises: 1) the growing exposure to import competition from China since the 1990s and 2) the Great Recession 2007-2009.
* The intern will be involved in data collection as well as handling and analyzing data using the software R. The intern will be given access to R code from a previous, related project which provides an ideal learning environment for anyone interested in using R in research or work after graduating.
* The intern will develop the following skills: handling and analyzing data in R

**Please note:** The student must complete 150 internship hours over the course of at least three months and submit the evaluation documents and timesheet at least 45 days prior to his/her graduation. Upon termination of the internship, the Tutor will be required to send immediate notice to Desk Imprese Economia Tor Vergata deskimprese@economia.uniroma2.it with msc\_economics@economia.uniroma2.it in copy so the student may obtain credit recognition for the internship activity.