

## INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

### Research Assistant in the Department of Economics and Finance on the research project:

### Price Responses and Neighborhood Effects of Affordable Housing under Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning

#### 1. Institutional details

- Tutor name and email: Dr Lorenzo Neri, [lorenzo.neri@uniroma2.it](mailto:lorenzo.neri@uniroma2.it)
- Economic fields: Applied microeconomics, labor economics, urban economics.
- Internship start date (please indicate if flexible or not): July 2026 (flexible)
- Full-time/Part-time: Part-time

#### 2. Skills and Experience required

- Languages required: English
- Degree requirement: Enrollment in MSc Economics
- Skills required: Good knowledge of the following is important:
  - R
  - Stata
  - Basic econometric techniques (e.g., regression)

Some knowledge of microdata management is preferable, but not essential.

#### 3. Job description:

- The objective of this project is to study how the share of affordable housing in mixed-income residential developments affects the price of market-rate units in the same building and the local neighborhood. Many housing assistance programs incentivize policies that involve a combination of affordable and market-rate units in the same building, i.e., mixed-income housing. Although prior research suggests that households in the private market are willing to pay to live in areas with higher-income neighbors, little is known about the magnitude of these preferences within a given building and the impact of new mixed-income developments on surrounding areas. We exploit variation from London's mandatory inclusionary zoning program, under which new residential buildings are required to maintain a minimum amount of affordable housing set by each of the 33 city boroughs and that can vary on a case-by-case basis.
- The intern will be involved in different tasks involving both research projects. The tasks will include: preparing literature reviews, collecting and assembling data, running econometric analyses, preparing descriptive statistics (via e.g., maps, figures, tables).

- The intern will develop the following skills: strengthening data collection and management skills (especially with R), learning how to report, visualize and interpret results, learning how to position a research question into the literature, learning how to prepare raw microdata (partly web-scraped) for analysis.

**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](mailto:deskimprese@economia.uniroma2.it) with [msc\\_economics@economia.uniroma2.it](mailto:msc_economics@economia.uniroma2.it) in copy so the student may obtain credit recognition for the internship activity.