**INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION**

**Research Assistant in the**

**Department of Economics and Finance**

**on the research project:**

**i) The effects of vacant housing confiscations and ii) Ethnic discrimination in high-information, low-stakes decision-making settings**

***1. Institutional details***

* Tutor name and email: 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 2025 (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. Some knowledge of Spanish is a good asset, but not essential.

***3. Job description: Research Assistant for two projects:* i) “The effects of vacant housing confiscations” and ii) “Ethnic discrimination in high-information, low-stakes decision-making settings”**

* The objective of the first project is to study the effect of vacant housing confiscation in the Balearic Islands (Spain) on the local housing market. The objective of the second research project is to study how discriminatory preferences shape decision-making in a high-information, low-stakes setting with clearly defined incentives – a virtual market (Fantasy Premier League) in which fantasy managers hire and fire real-world footballers.
* 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 basic notions of web-scraping and skin tone recognition algorithms.

**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.