

Recruiting Call for a **Senior Thesis Research Group**

We (Professors Greg Caetano, Josh Kinsler, Ian Schmutte, and Meghan Skira) are recruiting approximately 25 students to participate in a special research group. This call is open to students who will be enrolling in the senior thesis (ECON 5900) for Spring 2021.

We want students who will get excited about their thesis topic and are willing to work hard. In other words, we want students who are invested in writing a high-quality thesis paper. It is preferable, though not necessary, that you have sufficient command of econometrics and statistics to work with economic data. You should also be interested in a topic broadly related to education, health, labor, public, or urban economics. We know there are a lot of you out there. *Come work with us!*

This is a unique opportunity to get experience working as part of an ongoing research group. You can expect to sharpen your understanding of the design of economic research, empirical methods, and scientific communication. The primary benefit comes through continual peer and adviser feedback over the course of the semester.

What can you expect?

- Students in our group write senior thesis papers on topics in applied microeconomics.
- We will meet as a group every week on **Wednesdays at 4:30pm** for the first few weeks of the semester as you develop your thesis question. Thereafter, group meetings will occur less frequently (though still at Wednesdays at 4:30pm), and you will be matched with a primary adviser (Caetano, Kinsler, Schmutte, or Skira).
- Students in the group register for a separate section of ECON 5900 that is similar to, but distinct from, Dr. Kinman's ECON 5900 course.
- Rough outline
 - Early semester: develop research topics; review data and basic econometric tools; review basics of thesis writing.
 - Mid-semester: develop research methodology and conduct basic data work.
 - Late semester: complete draft thesis and revise methods and writing in response to peer and adviser feedback.
- For more information, check here: <http://ianschmutte.org/teaching/2020-fall-ECON5900>

What to do if you are interested?

To register your interest, or if you have any questions, send an email to schmutte@uga.edu and complete the application form linked here: <https://forms.gle/hoxj57t5bMWugUJA9>