Research Associate II Job Announcement

Position Description
In order to continue with the growing workload of the Fiscal Research Center (FRC) and the Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF), the fiscal centers within the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies are seeking a talented and team-oriented research associate II to contribute to their work on state and local finance.

The CSLF and FRC teams include faculty, research associates with economics and public policy backgrounds, and graduate research assistants. The teams work collaboratively on projects, and each researcher brings expertise to one or more policy areas. Subject matter includes state and local tax, education finance, economic development, and budgeting and fiscal health.

This role will gather and analyze large data sets, write reports, produce data visualizations, and make presentations. The researcher’s work will require the application of statistical techniques and economic theory. Other duties may include academic and grant writing and oversight of graduate research assistants.

Travel commitments are limited for this position, but conference presentations and other training opportunities are encouraged.

Salary
$50,000 - $75,000. This is a non-tenure track, sponsor funded, full time position. Benefits are provided through Georgia State University.

Minimum Qualifications
Master’s degree and one year of applicable experience, or a combination of education and experience.

Preferred Qualifications
An ideal candidate will have a master’s degree in economics, public administration, or public policy, and have the demonstrated ability to review, research and analyze state and local tax and budget policies. Candidates must have strong written and oral presentations skills. Successful candidates should be able to work well independently but also as part of a team and thrive in a deadline-driven environment. Candidates with experience using STATA, SAS, and ArcGIS are preferred.

Application Instructions
An application, resume, cover letter, writing sample, and unofficial transcript are required for consideration by May 23, 2018. Final candidates will provide three professional references. Apply here.

About the Fiscal Research Center
Established in 1995, the Fiscal Research Center (FRC), housed within Georgia State University’s Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, which is ranked 8th in the nation in public budgeting and finance by U.S. News & World Report, provides nonpartisan research, technical assistance and education in the evaluation and design of state tax and economic policy. FRC’s responsibilities include developing estimates for tax-related fiscal notes, writing the Georgia State Tax Expenditure Budget, supporting the
state’s economist, and conducting policy and academic research on a variety of topics associated with state tax policy issues. For more information on the Fiscal Research Center, visit our website at: frc.gsu.edu.

About the Center for State and Local Finance
The mission of Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF), also housed within Georgia State University’s Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, is to develop the people and ideas for next generation public finance by bringing together the Andrew Young School’s nationally-ranked faculty and the broader public finance community. CSLF conducts innovative, nonpartisan research on tax policy and reform, budget and financial management, education finance, and economic development and urban policy. Additionally, it provides premier executive education in public finance for state and local finance officials and works with local and state partners on technical assistance projects on fiscal and economic policy. For more information on the Center for State and Local Finance, visit our website at: cslf.gsu.edu.

CSLF’s economists and public policy experts specialize in four areas of public finance — economic development and urban policy, education finance, budgeting and fiscal health, and tax policy and reform. Much of our research is rooted in our home state of Georgia, but our findings have implications nationally. Utilizing academic literature and methods, we produce nonpartisan research that policymakers and practitioners can use to improve communities.

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