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<b>Job Title</b>	Junior/Assistant Specialist - Center for Effective Global Action
<b>Department</b>	
<b>Institution</b>	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
<b>Date Posted</b>	May 22, 2025
<b>Application Deadline</b>	06/04/2025
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Research Scientist/Associate
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Economics - Resources Economics - Microeconomics Economics - General Environmental Policy Political Science - General
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**Job Description**

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**Position overview** **Position title:** Junior/Assistant Specialist

**Salary range:** The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at

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appointment. See the following table(s) for the current salary scale(s) for this position: [https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf) . The current base salary range for this position is \$53,100-\$68,300. "Offscale" salaries, which yield compensation that is higher than the published systemwide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions

**Percent time:** 100%

**Anticipated start:** June 1, 2025

**Position duration:** Initial appointment is a one-year term; reappointment is dependent upon performance, programmatic need, and budget

**Application Window**

**Open date:** April 8, 2025

**Next review date:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Wednesday, Jun 4, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

**Position description**

The Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) is a hub for research, training and innovation headquartered at the University of California, Berkeley. We generate insights that decision-makers can use to improve policies, programs, and people's lives. Our best-in-class academic network includes nearly 200 faculty, 70 scholars from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)-primarily from East Africa, and hundreds of graduate students from diverse academic disciplines who produce rigorous evidence about what works to expand education, health, and economic opportunities for people living in poverty. Our business model involves curating policy-relevant research agendas in collaboration with development leaders, overseeing competitive grant-making to answer critical questions, investing in research capacity, and strategically connecting research and ideas to inform decision-making by governments, NGOs, and the private sector.

The UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab is hiring a Junior or Assistant Specialist to work on one or more projects in the field of energy and environmental economics under the supervision of Professor Reed

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Walker and 1-2 other faculty members working in this field at UC Berkeley.

The job will entail close collaboration during all stages of empirical research with faculty members at Berkeley, working in areas of energy and environmental economics. Current projects are focused on exploring the social costs of environmental externalities such as air pollution and how regulations to limit these externalities contribute to gains and/or losses to the economy.

The Junior/Assistant Specialist will work directly with Prof. Miguel and Dr. Walker on the Kenya Life Panel Survey (KLPS) and/or the General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers project(s). They will perform data cleaning, data analysis and background research such as in depth literature reviews and evidence synthesis for technical and non-technical audiences. The predoc will also support research partnership development by cultivating strong relationships with organizations providing research support and data collection services, and may have the opportunity to travel to field sites. Other key responsibilities include: providing research assistance to research projects and papers using empirical approaches; contributing to technical grant proposals, progress reports for current funding sources; and other administrative tasks related to the projects, CEGA, and the Principal Investigator(s) (PI). Predocs may also support additional research and policy efforts relevant to the goals of the PIs and CEGA. Predoc positions are ideal for graduating seniors or master's degree students interested in pursuing a PhD in economics or related fields. In addition to working closely with faculty, candidates will have opportunities to participate in UC Berkeley's vibrant academic life.

**Department:** <https://cega.berkeley.edu/>

### **Qualifications**

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

Bachelor's Degree or equivalent international degree or enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent international degree program

**Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

Bachelor's Degree or equivalent international degree

### **Preferred qualifications**

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent international degree in Economics, Public Policy, Political Science, Business, or related discipline.
- Strong interest in development economics, causal inference in applied microeconometrics, research design, program evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, and/or big data/remote sensing.
- 1-2 years experience conducting empirical research including contributing to data collection and

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- 1-2 years experience and competency with statistical software packages such as STATA, R, Python, Julia, and/or Matlab and ability to render accurate statistical analysis; as well as proficiency with LaTeX and Github.
- Familiarity with standard social science data sources, internet tools, and HTML.
- Familiarity working with large-scale datasets, e.g., through cloud or cluster computing.
- Ability to read and analyze published papers in economics, and accurately understand their main results.
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills, with the ability to translate complex scientific findings into accessible, non-technical language (via publications or professional presentations).
- Experience living and/or working in LMICs.
- Ability to work well with multi-national teams, and communicate effectively with colleagues and faculty.
- Additional language besides English (in particular, French, Hindi, Portuguese or Spanish).

## Application Requirements

### Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Statement of Research (Optional)

### Reference requirements

- 3-5 letters of reference required

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commitment to contributing to a better world. Every member of the UC Berkeley community has a role in sustaining a safe, caring and humane environment in which these values can thrive.

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- [UC Anti-Discrimination Policy](#)
- [APM - 035: Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination in Employment](#)

**Job location**

Berkeley, CA

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