

Job Post – Research Assistant (Pre-Doc)

General information

Position: Research Assistant (Pre-Doc)

Working time: full time

Place of work: Mexico City, Mexico

Closing date 30.04.2025

Working language: Fluent command of English and at least one of CEMLA's other working languages: Spanish or Portuguese.

Position and institutional objectives

The Center for Latin American Monetary Studies – CEMLA – operates since 1952 as the Association of Central Banks of Latin America and the Caribbean. CEMLA seeks a highly motivated research assistant with strong analytical skills to join the Directorate of Financial Stability. The position aims at assisting a multidisciplinary and international team in expanding an ambitious agenda in both economic research and international policy analysis. The position offers excellent opportunities to contribute to global initiatives including central banks, international organizations, and other public institutions to safeguard the stability of financial systems, with a focus in the Latin American and the Caribbean regions. The position also aims at candidates seeking to apply to top PhD programs later in their careers.

CEMLA's Directorate of Financial Stability is responsible for promoting an effective exchange of experiences and knowledge between CEMLA's associated central banks in the design and implementation of financial stability policy frameworks. This goal translates into three main objectives: (i) developing a research agenda on topics relevant for CEMLA's associated institutions; (ii) organizing international meetings and task groups; (iii) and facilitating the dialogue and cooperation between CEMLA's associated institutions through joint projects.

The directorate's agenda covers topical challenges for financial stability, including the evaluation of macroprudential regulations, the implementation of stress testing frameworks, the use of microdata techniques for policy evaluation, and the impact of climate change on financial stability. The position offers ample opportunities to develop a career in an international environment.

Role and responsibilities

The position of research assistant includes the following roles and responsibilities:

- Collaborate in developing research projects with high scientific standards in cooperation with CEMLA's associated institutions. These research tasks include quantitative analyses based on econometric estimations in financial stability questions, as well as drafting and presenting research outcomes.
- Provide technical input to the directorate in areas including the construction and management of granular datasets for financial stability analysis, and the identification of topics of interest in line with the directorate's objectives.
- Collaborate in the organization of international meetings and working groups by assisting in the communication with relevant stakeholders and the preparation of technical material.

Qualifications and skills

Minimum qualification

- Bachelor (i.e., Licenciatura) and Master's degree in Economics or Finance. Candidates with degrees in Statistics, Mathematics, or other related quantitative fields that show a strong interest in economics are also welcomed to apply.
- Candidates with only a Bachelor's degree in the aforementioned fields that have two years of relevant work experience are also welcomed to apply.
- Capacity to communicate, work, and draft research and policy reports in English and at least one out of CEMLA's other two working languages: Spanish and Portuguese.
- Proficiency in the use of analytical, statistical and econometric software packages, such as STATA, R, or Matlab.

Preferred qualification

Competitive candidates are expected to further have the following qualifications:

- Knowledge and interest in macro- or microeconomic empirical methods.

Desired working competencies

- Ability to handle multiple responsibilities and work under tight time constraints.
- Proven ability to work independently without supervision, prioritizing tasks.
- Ability to use tact and sound judgment when dealing with stakeholders and in handling confidential information.

CEMLA is committed to provide equal opportunities to candidates regardless of gender, nationality, or cultural backgrounds. CEMLA particularly encourages applications from qualified women.

Further information and selection process

- The position offers a fixed-term contract that may be extended or made permanent depending on CEMLA's organizational needs and the performance of the applicant.
- The position is expected to be filled with candidates physically residing in Mexico City.
- For additional information on the vacancy please contact Dr. Peter Karlström at the E-mail pkarlstrom@cemla.org.
- To apply please submit the following documents to the E-mail pkarlstrom@cemla.org by **April 30, 2025** the latest:
 1. CV
 2. Motivation letter in English in MS Word (max. 500 words)
 3. Transcript of academic records