

Paulson Institute Think Tank Position

Job Title: Research Fellow (Full-Time)

Position Description:

In this role, you will join a small but experienced, intrepid, and dedicated team to build out economic research, analytical products, and other digital content for [MacroPolo](#), the think tank of the Paulson Institute. You will work out of the institute's headquarters in Chicago.

As Research Fellow, you will primarily focus on developing Chinese economic, sectoral, and policy analysis, particularly in terms of industrial policy, targeted reform areas, and financial sector issues. You will be able to build on existing work and expand into new realms, including occasional comparative work across East Asian and emerging markets. You are expected to have a solid understanding of the Chinese economy and have had some experience generating high quality economic research/analysis, whether in the public or private sector. In addition, you should have some record of published writing.

The ideal candidate should be highly motivated, have strong analytical skills, creative, and have a nose for interesting and relevant economic research for MacroPolo's audiences that span policy, businesses, and markets. You will also have a desire to develop and work with large data sets and other quantitative tools. Experience working in China in a relevant field is also beneficial.

In addition to working collaboratively with the analytical team, you should also be able to independently determine and execute your own research agenda and products, as well as publish under your own byline without excessive supervision. Finally, you should feel comfortable operating in a relatively flat, fast-paced, and performance-oriented culture.

Location: Chicago

Responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Research and analyze key economic trends and sectoral issues in China;
- Conduct both quantitative and qualitative analysis on various aspects of the Chinese economy;
- Lead and execute analytical and interactive products by building on existing work of the MacroPolo team;
- Define new areas of specialization and develop comparative work that align with core competence;
- Engage in external writing, publications, and speaking engagements;
- Manage student fellows and interns and engage with the University of Chicago.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Master's degree in relevant field and authorization to work in the United States;
- Demonstrable experience working in economics or political economy research, with a record of publications and writing;
- Excellent analytical and research skills and the ability to write effectively and communicate clearly in English (native or near-native);
- Ability to conduct research in Chinese language primary sources strongly preferred;
- A good understanding of target audiences for analytical products and specialized research;
- Work on comparative economics and sectoral/functional expertise preferred but not necessary.

Salary and Benefits: Competitive and commensurate with experience

Contact: All inquiries and applications should be submitted to Damien Ma (dma@paulsoninstitute.org). No phone calls please.

About MacroPolo:

MacroPolo is the in-house think tank of the Paulson Institute in Chicago. We decode China's economic arrival with our incisive, market-relevant analysis and creative research products. Our work spans three core areas: economics, technology, and politics.

At MacroPolo, we are building a truly 21st century think tank. Instead of long research papers, we specialize in thoughtfully designed digital interactives as well as dynamic content and databases. Our multinational team of experts provides timely commentary, valuable insights, and best-in-class research to market participants, corporate leaders, and policymakers.

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