Part-Time Research Assistant V

The Department of Land Economy is seeking to appoint one part-time Research Assistant to work on a sub-project: The Economic Implications of China’s One-Child Policy: A Gender Agenda. It is supported by a ESRC-NSFC research project Nudging Towards a Better Financial Future: Applying Behavioural Insights in the Development of Financial Systems in Rural China.

**Job Description:** China’s One-Child policy has already introduced significant changes in the society's demographic structure. For example, the ratio of males to females stands at 1.15 in 2016, which is significantly above the global average of 1.01. This project studies the long-term economic implications of such policy by focusing on financial, housing, and employment decisions by females. We aim to answer the following research questions: 1) Is the return on education the same between females and males in China? 2) Do females make financial, housing, and employment decisions differently than males? 3) What social and psychological factors affect females’ decisions differently than males? 4) What’s the economic implications of China’s One-Child policy on its financial, housing, and labour markets? The position holder will conduct a literature review on these topics, and assist the research team to write up a funding application proposal.

**Keywords:** gender equality, labour economics, financial inclusion, marriage, housing decision, behavioural bias, labour mobility, education

**Deliveries:** An excel database of relevant literature and a literature review report (a minimum of 6,000 words)

**Expect duration:** to work about 10 hours per week and to receive £13.76 per hour

**Start date:** 31 January 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter

The post would enable an early career researcher to gain experience in several interlinked disciplines, including behavioural economics and household finance. We also encourage you to think outside the box and develop new studies based on our unique database. Contract extension will be considered for excellent assistance.

For information about the project please visit: [https://www.crerc.landecon.cam.ac.uk/research/research-1/a-better-financial-future](https://www.crerc.landecon.cam.ac.uk/research/research-1/a-better-financial-future).

To apply for the post, please send a cover letter and a CV to the Principal Investigator of the project, Dr. Helen Bao (hxb20@cam.ac.uk).