

**Project Title: Origins of Serial Sovereign Default**

[Chenzi Xu](#) and [Sasha Indarte](#) (Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania) are recruiting a full-time Research Fellow (RF) to work on a project that aims to understand the causes and consequences of sovereign default throughout history, with a **start date in July 2022**.

The position is 40 hours per week and is part of the Pre-doctoral program at Stanford Graduate School of Business. The RF will have a dedicated cubicle, access to Stanford campus resources, and be allowed to take one academic course for credit per quarter. Upon successful completion of the first year, there is the possibility of renewing the contract for a second year.

The work entails collecting, cleaning, and analyzing significant amounts of new data from historical, archival, and other primary sources. The project also has a significant component related to text analysis using machine learning and natural language processing tools to better understand more qualitative aspects of default.

The position will include a significant amount of mentoring with the primary faculty members and coauthors. Broadly the research area is international finance, history, and banking.

**Requirements & Eligibility**

- Excellent computer programming skills/experience working with statistical software
- Prior experience with STATA or R is valued
- Experience with python
- Strong quantitative background
- Diligence and attention to detail
- Organizational and communication skills
- Foreign nationals are welcome to apply; visa sponsorship is possible

The ideal candidate has an undergraduate degree in Economics or Economic History, and is planning to take one or several years off to gain practical experience as a research assistant before applying to PhD programs in Economics or Finance.

**Apply here:**

<https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/programs/research-fellows/admission>

**Deadline:**

Priority consideration to applications received by **October 1, 2021**

Formal deadline is **October 15, 2021**