Research and Policy Analyst

The Economic Innovation Group (EIG) is a bipartisan research and advocacy organization dedicated to forging a more dynamic, entrepreneurial, and innovative U.S. economy for the 21st century. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., EIG produces widely-cited research and analysis, develops original policy ideas, and advances legislation to bring new jobs, investment, and economic growth to communities across the nation. Since launching in 2015, EIG has emerged as a leading voice in the national conversation about how to build an economy that works for more people and more places.

About the Role
EIG seeks to add a new research and policy team member to lead two workstreams, one around entrepreneurship and economic dynamism and the other around EIG’s new Inclusive Wealth-Building Initiative. This position offers an ambitious early-to-mid career research professional a chance to accelerate their development in a position that requires and rewards initiative, creativity, and the highest quality work.

We are searching for well-rounded candidates who combine excellent writing and communications skills with advanced quantitative and qualitative analytic capabilities. Successful candidates will bring deep expertise in one or more of the position’s key issue areas and have a varied portfolio of published work. Candidates should be self-starters with strong academic credentials and work experience in applied settings. Successful applicants will be passionate about using their research to effect policy change.

Responsibilities
The analyst will report to EIG’s Director for Research on a team of five and will work both independently and collaboratively with supervisors and teammates. The position will interface closely with EIG’s policy, executive, and communications teams, and will perform the following duties (percentages are approximate):

40%  Quantitative and qualitative economic and public policy research:

- Manage, process, and analyze large datasets.
- Analyze policies and proposals across multiple issue areas.
- Read and review related research across relevant fields.

40%  Research and policy writing:

- Independently and jointly devise, contribute to, and produce reports, policy memos, briefs, blogs, and commentary that translate data insights into actionable policy recommendations in EIG’s core issue areas and tailored to different audiences.

10%  Economic data visualization:
• Utilize mapping and/or data visualization software to bring data to life.
• Train in new software and capabilities as needed.

10% Outreach and network management:
• Liaise directly with outside stakeholders to share EIG data and insights and build the organization’s network among key constituencies.
• Respond to stakeholder and media requests for data and information as needed.

Qualifications
• Master’s degree in relevant field (e.g. public policy, economics, development).
• Approximately 4-8 years prior work experience in research or public policy.
• Demonstrated professional excellence in related subject matter (entrepreneurship, economic/business dynamism, geographic inequality, wealth economics).
• Demonstrated fluency in methods of both quantitative and qualitative analysis.
• Deep familiarity with relevant datasets from federal statistical agencies.
• Advanced data processing and statistical software skills (e.g. STATA or equivalent; GIS mapping skills preferred).
• Excellent oral and written communication skills; strong portfolio of written work.
• Keen attention to detail and demonstrated ability to manage multiple competing priorities in a fast-paced work environment.
• Demonstrated knack for creating powerful and arresting data visualizations across a variety of different formats and softwares.
• Interest in and familiarity with the policymaking process demonstrated through prior work experience.
• Entrepreneurial spirit and desire to work in a fast-paced environment.
• Self-motivated, self-directed, creative, organized, and deeply committed to personal and organizational excellence.

Apply
Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience. EIG provides generous health care and retirement benefits and a generous paid time off and holiday schedule. Applicants should email their resume, cover letter, a relevant writing sample, and data visualization to careers@eig.org with the subject line “Research and Policy Analyst”. Please note: This position is based in Washington, DC. In response to COVID-19, EIG staff are temporarily teleworking. Once the office reopens, the person hired for this position will work in the EIG office in Washington, DC.

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