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<b>Job Title</b>	Postdoctoral Scholar - O'Donnell Center for Behavioral Economics - Haas School of Business
<b>Department</b>	Haas School of Business
<b>Institution</b>	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
<b>Date Posted</b>	Jul. 23, 2024
<b>Application Deadline</b>	09/30/2024
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Post-Doc
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**Position overview**

**Position title:** Postdoctoral Employee

**Salary range:** The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay at appointment. See the following table for the current postdoctoral scholar salary scales: [https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/2023-24/oct-2023-acad-salary-scales/t23.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2023-24/oct-2023-acad-salary-scales/t23.pdf). Salaries above the minimum may be

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offered to meet competitive conditions. A reasonable estimate for this postdoctoral scholar position is \$64,480 to \$95,000 annually.

**Percent time:** 100%

**Anticipated start:** August 1, 2024

**Position duration:** Two (2) years

**Application Window**

**Open date:** May 19, 2024

**Most recent review date:** Friday, Jun 14, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications received after this date will be reviewed by the search committee if the position has not yet been filled.

**Final date:** Monday, Sep 30, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

**Position description**

The O'Donnell Center for Behavioral Economics and Finance, housed jointly in the Haas School of Business and the Department of Economics, seeks applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar-Employee (Title Code 3252), with expertise in behavioral economics or behavioral finance, and strong econometric or theory training.

The Postdoctoral Scholar will be part of Berkeley's O'Donnell Center for Behavioral Economics and Finance, housed jointly in the Haas School of Business and the Department of Economics. The center's mission is to support rigorous academic research in various areas of behavioral economics, including all areas of applied microeconomics, financial economics, macro-finance, political economy, public economics, and health economics. We also pursue research in collaboration with researchers in neuroscience, cognitive science, and medicine. Ulrike Malmendier and Stefano Della Vigna, both joint faculty members at the Haas School of Business and the Department of Economics, co-direct the center. Faculty from the departments of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Economics, the Haas Business School, the School of Public Health, the Goldman School of Public Policy, and the Information School are affiliated with the initiative. Ulrike Malmendier will be the primary faculty lead. Areas of research interest include, but are not limited to:

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- models and empirical evidence of belief formation in macro-finance, especially work on experience effects and memory formation;
- household decision-making: household finance, health choices, consumption
- firm decision-making: corporate finance and in particular managerial biases, including overconfidence, sunk-cost fallacy, and hindsight bias;
- neuroscience foundations of modern models of belief formation and economic/financial decision-making mental health, trauma.

Applicants are expected to pitch their existing research. They may also at their discretion (1) propose possible areas of collaboration, including concrete project ideas, and (2) contribute to possible projects of collaboration proposed by us.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree), or enrolled in a Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree) program at the time of application.

#### **Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

- Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree) by the start date.
- No more than two years of post-degree research experience.

#### **Preferred qualifications**

All candidates with a Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree) by start date in economics, finance, and related fields with interest in studying themes related to behavioral economics, behavioral finance, and applied economics are invited to apply.

cholars with strengths in applied microeconometrics, field experiments, and applied data science (including machine learning and computational methods for working with unstructured data) are particularly encouraged.

### **Application Requirements**

#### **Document requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter

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- Statement of Research
- Statement on Contributions to Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Statement on your contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion, including information about your understanding of these topics, your record of activities to date, and your specific plans and goals for advancing equity and inclusion if hired at Berkeley. [More Information and guidelines.](#)

### Reference requirements

- 2-4 letters of reference required

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