

GRAPE is looking for

Research Fellow (labor economics)

We offer a full-time or part-time research position for our new NCN project:

- Inequality and Uncertainty led by Lucas van der Velde and Piotr Żoch

The project is planned for two years, but shorter contract durations are possible. The project aims to advance the knowledge of wage processes in Eastern Europe using administrative data. We will further study determinants of changes in dispersion parameters over time and how it affects household decisions. A more detailed description of the project is [available here](#). The position is initially offered for one year, with extension for up to three years in total upon successful evaluation. Collaborating after this period ends is contingent on obtaining subsequent funding.

Tasks: This position is a purely for research, there is no teaching obligation. You are expected to collaborate with other team members on developing the project agenda, primarily through co-authoring papers. You are encouraged to contribute your own papers to the research agenda. You are expected to actively participate in all academic activities of the project, including reading groups, workshops, and conferences.

Requirements: A completed PhD degree in economics (or a related field) is required. The PhD degree should be granted by the start of the contract and no earlier than January 1st, 2019 (exceptions are possible in special circumstances). Strong background in labor economics is a must. Prior research experience working with administrative data will be considered an advantage. We prioritize research maturity and academic drive (as best evidenced by completed or ongoing research projects).

Conditions: We offer a gross salary of 10 000 PLN per month for a full-time position. The net value requires subtracting social security contributions and taxes, which depend on workers' circumstances. The project includes funding for international travel to attend workshops and conferences. We also foresee research stays to collaborate with co-authors in Lithuania. As a member of GRAPE, you can expect to receive support in applying for their own research funding both during the project and upon completion. The working hours are flexible and task-oriented.

About GRAPE: GRAPE is a small non-governmental research center, and it already [ranks 6th top economic institute](#) in Poland. We have ties to leading European and American research institutions. Our fully equipped office is located in the center of Warsaw. We offer a friendly and stimulating work environment.

The position starts as soon as possible, tentatively March 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter. Applications received before February 7th 2026 will be given full consideration. Interviews will be scheduled as of February 15th.

Please, send us your curriculum vitae, up to two research papers, and contact details for references. The application should be sent to grape@grape.org.pl. Please include in the title the name of the research project. We will contact selected candidates to schedule interviews, and then presentations of their work. The recruitment process will be fully remote. An in-person visit can be arranged for successful candidates prior to signing a contract.



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