GRAPE
Group for Research in APplied Economics

GRAPE is looking for

Research Assistants (economic theory)

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

- **Deviations from Rationality and their Impact on Future Trajectories↗**
  led by Łukasz Woźny (PI), Krzysztof Makarski, and Piotr Żoch

The DRIFT project explores how small, seemingly random mistakes in decision-making, especially those made early in life, can lead to significant long-term consequences. It focuses on decisions that are difficult to reverse, such as childbearing, educational choices, or retirement planning. The key insight is that even if errors are not intentional or systematically biased, they can become "locked in" due to the irreversibility or costliness of changing course later. Over time, these early mistakes can snowball into large welfare losses, affecting not only individuals but society as a whole.

Tasks: The tasks of the assistant involve coding, data analysis, checking proofs, and review of literature as well as drafting components of scientific articles and non-technical posts for a blog.

Requirements: Working knowledge of English is a must. Familiarity with scientific computing (Matlab, Julia, Python) constitutes an advantage. We prioritize prior research experience and academic orientation.

Conditions: We offer a scholarship ("stypendium"). The compensation amounts to 5000 PLN per month for full time. The successful candidate is expected to work about 20 hours per week (part-time) or about 40 hours per week (full-time), but working schedule is flexible and can be adjusted to your curriculum, exam sessions and other student obligations. The expected starting date is March 2027. The expected contract duration is 12 months, with the possibility of extension. We offer a unique opportunity to collaborate with and learn from leading scholars in the field who are involved in the project. 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.

About GRAPE: GRAPE is a non-governmental research center. It ranks 6th top economic institute↗ in Poland. We have ties to leading European and American research institutions. We offer a designated workspace at an office dominated by young people, all involved in research projects, with a well-equipped computer and all the conventional infrastructure. The assistant will also be able to use the facilities for work not directly related to the project. We offer a friendly and stimulating work environment.

If you are interested, send us *curriculum vitae*, cover letter and a sample of your recent writing (e.g. essay, assignment). Applications should be submitted before 31st December, 2026 to grape@grape.org.pl. We retain the right not to reply to all applications.

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