Application Process for Prospective Research Assistants

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Thank you for your interest in being a research assistant! If you'd like to explore research opportunities with me, I would like you to do the following task and email me (<u>pawel@caltech.edu</u>) your results, along with a (short) bio or CV. If you do not receive a reply from me and you've sent me a completed application package, please keep emailing me back until I respond.

Your task is to replicate Table 4: "Ordinary Least Squares Estimates, Age-Earnings Profile for Natives and Foreign-Born, 1900 – 1920: 1950 Occupation-Based Earnings in 2010 Dollars" of Abramitzky et al: "A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration" (Journal of Political Economy, 2014) using linked individuals from the Census Tree Project.

- 1. Using the Census Linking Project links provided in the Census Tree data, how do your results compare with those in the paper?
- 2. Now, using the sample of Census Tree males, how do your estimates compare?
- 3. Finally, using the sample of Census Tree females, how do your estimates compare?
- 4. Briefly, describe why you observe discrepancies between your results and those reported in the paper, and hypothesize why the estimates for females differ (or not) from those of males.