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Abstract

This paper examines the relationship between placement of publications in top five (T5) journals and receipt of tenure in academic economics departments. Analyzing the job histories of tenure-track economists hired by the top 35 US economics departments, we find that T5 publications have a powerful influence on tenure

decisions and rates of transition to tenure. A survey of the perceptions of young

economists finds that the formal statistical analysis. Pursuit of T5 publications has

led to a decline in the number of economists who are hired by top departments.

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