



The Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business, in cooperation with the Bank of Slovenia, cordially invites you to a research seminar on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at 13:00 CEST in room P-119 at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana and via platform Zoom

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will present the article

## Pay to Quit Offers: Do People Work More?

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We offer experimental evidence from the lab that offering agents money to quit a real effort task (pay-to-quit offer) increases effort in those agents who choose to refuse the offer. We offer evidence that the effect is driven in part by agents' increased motivation rather than exclusively by selection of more capable or more motivated agents. We also offer suggestive evidence that making a pay-to-quit offer induces a reference point, which mostly boosts effort of agents exerting above median effort. Our findings explain why leading companies like Amazon and Zappos use pay-to-quit offers, either for their newly hired workers, or even on a recurring annual basis.

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We look forward to seeing you!

