Job Announcement

Young, modern, and research-oriented... the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself within the scientific landscape since its founding in 1991. Nationally and internationally renowned scientists teach and perform research here at Brandenburg's largest university. The University of Potsdam is successful in acquiring third-party funds, delivers outstanding performance in technology and knowledge transfer, and has a very service-oriented administration. With about 22,000 students studying at three campuses – Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm – the University of Potsdam is a prominent economic factor and engine of development for the region. The University of Potsdam has a total of over 3,000 faculty and staff members and is located in one of Germany’s most scenic areas.

The following seven institutions cooperate in the Research Associate Program of the Berlin School of Economics (BSE RAP, previously known as BERA) to promote the careers of junior researchers: the School of Business and Economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the School of Business and Economics at Freie Universität Berlin, the School of Economics and Management at Technische Universität Berlin, the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Potsdam, the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, the ESMT European School of Management and Technology Berlin and the Hertie School.

The University of Potsdam, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Chair for Markets, Competition and Institutions invites applications for a postdoctoral researcher position in Behavioral Economics:

Academic Staff Member
Requisition No.: 388/2021

The position is available from May 01, 2022. The salary is determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L 13). The position is for 40 hours per week (100% of a full-time contract) and funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, project “Text mining in behavioral economics with a focus on the solution of social dilemma situations.” This is a temporary position limited to a term of 4 years in accordance with Section 2 subsection 1 of the Fixed-Term Employment Contracts in Science and Research Act (WissZeitVG).

Responsibilities:
• research in the field of behavioral economics, e.g.:
  − conduction of economic experiments in the lab, online, and/or in the field
  − web scraping text and other data
  − data analysis using machine learning methods

Qualifications:
• a PhD in economics, psychology, computer science, or a neighboring discipline
• programming skills (preferably Python)
• a high level of self-initiative as well as a very reliable and conscientious way of working

The position offers an attractive research environment (a fully equipped experimental economics lab, facilities for online experiments, and generous research funding from the Volkswagen Foundation) and a very cooperative team atmosphere. The postdoc will be part of a team that jointly explores the opportunities of machine learning in behavioral economics, focusing on the question how communication can help solving social dilemmas.

The University of Potsdam is situated at the gates of Berlin, with close ties to the universities, research institutions and research networks in the Berlin area.
We offer you varied and challenging tasks in a dynamic team as well as attractive working conditions. Find out more about the wide range of offers and benefits for our employees on the internet at https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/arbeiten-an-der-up/. For further insights into the University of Potsdam, please visit our homepage at https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/. The head of the chair of Economics: Markets, Competition & Institutions, Prof. Dr. Lisa Bruttel, will be happy to provide you with further information regarding the job advertisement via e-mail: lisa.bruttel@uni-potsdam.de.

Under the laws of the federal state of Brandenburg, employees under this contract are permitted to dedicate at least 33% of their contract time to their own academic qualification.

The University of Potsdam aims to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore invites qualified female applicants to apply. The University of Potsdam values the diversity of its members and pursues the goals of equal opportunities regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or identity. In the case of equal suitability, women within the meaning of Section 7 (4) BbgHG (Brandenburg Higher Education Act) and people with severe disabilities will be given preferential consideration. Applications from abroad and from persons with a migration background are expressly welcome.

Applicants should send a statement outlining their research plans, a detailed curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificates, by November 20, 2021 at the latest, by mail to Prof. Dr. Lisa Bruttel to: lisa.bruttel@uni-potsdam.de with the subject line “Academic Staff Member – requisition number 388/2021.”

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