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RWI invites applications for the position of a

Student research assistant (m/f/d)

to support the team of researchers of RWI's Policy Lab **Climate Change, Development and Migration** in Berlin or Essen. You will support the Policy Lab's work on meta-replication and other meta-scientific projects. The projects focus on the reproducibility and replicability of empirical studies in policy-relevant areas such as development economics, the impacts of air pollution or the evaluation of climate policies.

Your tasks will be

- Contributing to meta-scientific analyses of how empirical evidence is produced, reported, synthesized, and used across selected fields of research
- Conducting background research on a variety of topics to compile systematic overviews of the academic literature on the selected topics
- Performing literature searches using tools such as Google Scholar and Web of Science
- Screening papers to identify relevant studies during the initial review phase
- Documenting the availability of data and code of the identified studies
- Assisting in replicating selected studies to assess their robustness

Successful applicants should

- Have a strong interest in development, environmental or health policies as well as meta-science
- Possess training in impact evaluation methodologies and/or econometrics
- Have experience in reading and analyzing academic papers
- Familiarity with Stata and/or R is an asset
- Have completed or be currently enrolled in a degree with a quantitative background such as economics, environmental science, or political science
- Be enrolled in a German university for the duration of the contract
- Have a very good command of English and good writing skills; German is not required



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The position starts as soon as possible and is limited to six months with the possibility of extension. The weekly working time is around 8 hours. We are happy to see you regularly in our offices in Berlin or Essen. If this is not possible for good reasons (e.g. place of residence is not in Berlin or the Ruhr area), there is also the opportunity to work remotely.

Disabled applicants will be given preference when equal qualifications are present. We strongly encourage women, minorities, and candidates from developing countries to apply. RWI is an equal opportunity employer and adheres to disability regulations and the regulations of the law on part-time work.

For information about the position, please contact Dr. Julian Rose and for information on the application process or procedure, please contact Mr. Tilo Schneider via humanresources@rwi-essen.de.

If you are interested in this position, please send your application in the form of one PDF (cover letter, CV, university transcripts/certificates), quoting the reference number **70900-04/26SHK**, by **June 30, 2026** to

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Please note, when you submit your application by email your data will be unencrypted, which may result in third parties to note and falsify your documents. Therefore, you can also submit your application by post.

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