

RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research is an independent, non-profit research institution headquartered in Essen, Germany. The institute is a leading center for scientific research and evidence-based policy advice in Germany.

RWI is inviting applications for a

Postdoc position with a focus on Labor Economics (m/f/d) (100%)

in the research department **“Labor Markets, Education, Population”**.

Core research areas include the labor market effects of technological change and the ecological transition, and the causal evaluation of labor market institutions and programs. Research is mainly state-financed, and in addition funded by institutions such as the German Research Foundation (DFG), Horizon Europe, or the Leibniz Association. The department also offers policy advice through commissioned research projects to e.g. the German Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the European Commission, or the German Minimum Wage Commission.

Your tasks will include

- conducting independent research by completing your papers that are already in the pipeline and by developing an ambitious research agenda within the department’s research focus
- conducting research within the Horizon Europe SkilMeeT project
- writing proposals for and collaborating on third-party funded projects, both as a project leader and as a team member
- working together with the department’s PhD students and guiding their academic development

The successful applicant will

- have completed a PhD in Economics and show a deep understanding of applied econometrics
- be experienced in analyzing micro data, such as administrative labor market histories or household surveys
- have knowledge or a keen interest in working with natural language processing methods, e.g. analyzing online job vacancies
- have successfully published in peer-refereed journals or have promising research in progress
- have an excellent command of English and strong writing skills. Good knowledge of German is desirable, but not a prerequisite
- have some experience in leading and contributing to commissioned research projects
- enjoy working independently as well as in a team

We offer

- an exciting position in a vibrant research community, providing ample opportunity for scientific exchange and internal and external research cooperation
- strong support to present research results at international conferences, and facilitation of research stays abroad
- the opportunity to gain experience as a project lead in commissioned research and in actively communicating results to policy makers and the interested public
- the possibility (but not the obligation) to teach at universities
- the opportunity to receive tenure, which is evaluated based mainly on the publication record and the activities within policy consultancy

The start date is flexible, but not later than October 2024. The full-time position is initially limited to three years, but an extension is desired given suitability. The remuneration is paid in accordance with the collective agreement for the public sector (TV-L) with the special rules for employees at universities and research institutions and in accordance with the responsibilities associated with the position (EG 14). Compliance with the guidelines for the disabled and the provisions of the law on part-time work are guaranteed. We promote the professional equality of all genders.

For any inquiries regarding the position, please contact Prof. Ronald Bachmann (ronald.bachmann@rwi-essen.de). For information on the application procedure, please contact Mr. Tilo Schneider (humanresources@rwi-essen.de). To apply, please send your application documents (a short cover letter [in English] outlining your interests and motivation, CV, at least one letter of reference) via email to Tilo Schneider (humanresources@rwi-essen.de), quoting the reference number **70200-11/24** until **April 15, 2024**.

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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.

Essen, March 21, 2024