

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's Policy Lab Climate Change, Development and Migration conducts cutting-edge research in low and middle-income countries and on various meta-scientific topics. The Policy Labs cooperates closely with African governments, international organizations and initiatives such as World Bank, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), GIZ, and the Institute for Replication. The unifying objective is to increase the effectiveness of policies in these fields.

RWI invites applications for the position of a

Student research assistant (m/f/d)

to support the team of researchers of the Economic Policy Lab **Climate Change, Development and Migration** in Berlin or Essen. You will work with us on a joint research project with University of Texas at Dallas and Duke University on energy policies and energy technologies in Sub-Saharan Africa. Writing a Master's thesis as part of the project is welcomed. The core of the project is a systematic literature review on technology adoption and technology failure.

Your tasks will be

- background research for a systematic review of the academic and policy literature on domestic biogas usage in Sub-Saharan Africa
- support our research team with drafting systematic search criteria
- carry out the search through Google Scholar and other data sources (e.g. Web of Science, policy reports)
- carry out the initial screening of papers to find those applicable
- do an initial data extraction from papers to pull out key info that we will specify, potentially supported using AI tools

Successful applicants should

- be interested in topics of development economics as well as environmental and energy policies
- have some training impact evaluation methodologies and/or econometrics
- have some experience in reading academic papers
- knowledge of Stata or comparable software (R, Python, etc.) is an asset
- have completed or be currently enrolled in a degree in economics, environmental science, development studies, or a related field
- be enrolled in a German university for the entire time of the contract
- have a very good command of English and good writing skills; German is not required

The position starts in July and is limited to six months with the possibility of extension. The weekly working time is around 10-12 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 Prof. Dr. Jörg Ankel-Peters 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 **70900-16SHK**, by June **10, 2024** to

RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research

Mr. Tilo Schneider

PO Box 10 30 54, 45030 Essen

humanresources@rwi-essen.de

For more information on the Institute, please visit <http://www.rwi-essen.de>

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, May 14, 2024