



The Institute of Economics and Law at the University of Stuttgart is looking for a

Student Researcher/Lab Assistant (m/f/d)

(40 hours per month, initially limited to six months with possibility of extension)

Tasks: Supporting several research projects and the work of the new **Political Economy of Global Development Lab** at the University of Stuttgart (Profs Fehr and Bluhm).

The successful candidates will support cutting edge research in empirical development economics of the lab members. At the lab, we study issues relevant to economic policy using modern quantitative methods, experiments, and theory. We work on a range of crosscutting questions, such as redistribution, decision-making of individuals or policymakers, and all aspects of economic development. You will support new and ongoing projects with partners from Europe, the US, and Asia. For this call, we are looking for research assistants with skills in handling large geospatial data sets. The tasks can be done remotely by students based at any German university, but we will give preference to students from Baden Württemberg to allow occasional in-person meetings.

Requirements:

- Enrolled (Bachelor or Master) student with a background in Economics or other Social Sciences, Computer Sciences, Geography, or related fields
- Good or very good grades
- Fluency in English is required
- Interest in empirical economics, development, and political economy (all broadly defined)
- Ability to work independently and perform his/her tasks accurately and in a structured way
- Team spirit and flexibility
- Knowledge of statistics/econometrics (inferential stats, regression analysis, and causal identification)
- Knowledge of statistical software packages (preferably R or Stata and/or Python)

What we offer:

- Insights into cutting-edge research in development economics and political economy
- Flexible working hours and an international environment with project partners from around the world
- Transferable skills (e.g., web scraping, geospatial analysis, image processing, natural language processing)

Further information:

- The start date is negotiable (June 1, 2024 would be ideal).
- German language skills are **not** required.

Please send your application to Richard Bluhm (richard.bluhm@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de) and Dietmar Fehr (dietmar.fehr@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de), and in copy to Claudia Feucht (claudia.feucht@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de). Your application should include your CV, cover letter, transcript of records, and—if available—your Bachelor certificate, and a writing sample (thesis or seminar paper) in electronic form (a **single pdf file**). The **application deadline is April 24th 2024 and we expect to hold interviews shortly after.**

For further questions, please **do not hesitate** to inquire via email.