

Job Posting: Wissenschaftlich Hilfskraft Sommersemester 2023

Dear students,

I am looking for research assistant on the BA or MA level who is interested in working for me in the summer term 2023. I plan on visiting the University of Bayreuth from March 2023 till July 2023, and I am looking for students to help me work on a project at the intersection of macroeconomics and long-run development. The project focuses on urban-rural differences in household income risk, and its implication for urbanization and aggregate savings and investment. Check out my webpage (<https://florian-trouvain.com>), and the abstract related to “Human Capital Risk and Urbanization in Developing Countries” if you are interested.

Your work will involve data cleaning, as well as descriptive data analysis and income risk estimation. You will be directly working with me and I will help you acquire the necessary skills.

There are four key prerequisites for the job.

1. Basic knowledge in the programming language in STATA or R
2. Basic knowledge in Linear Regression (Mario Larch’s class or comparable)
3. Additional classes you took in applied micro, or international trade, or macro
4. General interest in economic research

Salary will be comparable to other HIWI jobs in Bayreuth. I am interested in hiring students who work part time during the semester, and potentially 4 – 8 weeks full time over the summer break. Workload and exact timing is negotiable.

This job might be a good opportunity for students interested in research in economics, especially topics related to household income risk, structural change, and macro-development. Check out the STEG research initiative (<https://steg.cepr.org/>), which is providing the money so that I can hire you.

I advise that you apply only if you consider pursuing a PhD or a quantitative master program in economics. If that is not the case, the time and effort you have to put in is not worth the relatively small amount of money you will earn. The main benefit of the job is to accumulate some research skills, and get a sense of how research is done.

If you want to apply, send a brief email to ftrouv@umich.edu with the subject line: “RA Application Bayreuth” by January 31st.

In the email, include four sentences each regarding the four requirements, i.e. tell me briefly about 1), 2), 3), and 4), and attach a pdf copy of a recent transcript and cv.

Best,
Florian