



## Student Assistant in Economics (m/f/d)

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The Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) in Berlin is looking for a

### **Student Assistant (m/f/d)**

**For 10-20 weekly working hours with a focus on**

### **Economics, Climate and Fiscal Policy**

MCC Berlin is a scientific think-tank that combines high-level economic and social science research with a structured approach at the science-policy interface. We provide solution-oriented policy portfolios for climate mitigation, for governing the global commons in general, and for enhancing the many aspects of human well-being.

The Working Group Economic Growth and Human Development (headed by Prof. Dr. Matthias Kalkuhl) aims to improve our understanding of the economics of climate change and climate policy as well as economic growth within planetary boundaries. Our research is based on three main pillars: normative foundations of climate policy, policy instruments and market failures, and political economy considerations. To support our team's research agenda including topics on the energy transition, distributional effects of carbon pricing, transformation of the building sector and carbon dioxide removal, we are looking for a student assistant.

#### **Key responsibilities**

- Literature reviews and topic-specific background research
- Autonomous data preparation and utilization of existing simulation tools
- Collaboration to further develop and extend these tools
- Visualization of figures
- Assistance with publication processes

#### **Requirements**

- Strong background in economics with excellent grades and completed Bachelor's degree
- Familiarity with topics and methods in environmental and fiscal economics
- Working knowledge of Excel and other statistical software (preferably R) as well as experience working with data
- High motivation to contribute to policy-relevant research in environmental and climate policy
- High interest in teamwork and collaborative research
- Organized and diligent work attitude
- Very good understanding of English and good understanding of German

#### **What we offer:**

- An inspiring, international and interdisciplinary work environment in a leading academic think-tank on climate policy issues
- Working in a dedicated, motivated and collaborative team with very supportive colleagues and a well-established research network

- Attractive working space at the EUREF-Campus in Berlin Schöneberg
- Flexible and family-friendly working time as well as mobile working possibilities (up to 40% of your hours)
- Participation in employee retirement provision

The MCC values a collaborative working place environment that values diversity, tolerance, and equity. We aim to improve the share of women especially in leadership positions and especially welcome applications by women. You find more information on our equal-opportunity strategy [here](#).

The MCC was founded in 2012 by Stiftung Mercator and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and since 2014 it is affiliated with the Technical University (TU) Berlin. Within a few years, MCC has established itself prominently in the climate policy research landscape, ranked as No. 1 of climate think tanks in Europe. For more information about the institute, please visit <http://www.mcc-berlin.net>.

### **Application:**

We seek to start the position in December 2023. The position is initially funded for six months and the salary is currently 12,96€ per hour.

To apply, please, send an e-mail with the reference number SA\_2023\_7 to Mrs. Franziska Faber, [jobs@mcc-berlin.net](mailto:jobs@mcc-berlin.net), at your earliest convenience. Application is possible until 15 November 2023, unless the vacancy can be filled earlier. Your application should include the following as a single PDF file:

- Motivation letter (max 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae
- One academic paper
- Current transcript of records and Bachelor's degree
- Preferred number of working hours and starting date

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for a job interview. For content-related questions you can contact Dr. Max Kellner: [kellner@mcc-berlin.net](mailto:kellner@mcc-berlin.net)