



3-year Junior Researcher Position (PhD candidate Part-time 65%)

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Solving the climate crisis requires the brightest minds. The Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) has established itself prominently in the climate policy research landscape. We conduct world-class research on climate solutions and offer an inspiring interdisciplinary environment for scientific excellence.

If you enjoy working in a very collaborative and supportive team, if you want to understand which climate policies work, when, and why, and you feel that policy should be informed by the best available scientific evidence - then the following position at MCC is the perfect opportunity for you:

Researcher / PhD position (f/m/d)

in

Economics

with special focus on

Climate policy and climate finance in the building sector

Project and job description:

The successful candidate will contribute with research on policy instruments to increase energy and carbon saving investments in the building sector within the BMBF funded research project FEIRE (Financing Ecological Investment in Real Estate) headed by Prof. Dr. Matthias Kalkuhl. The project aims to analyze the role of behavioral and informational aspects as well as financial constraints by private homeowners for modernization investments. We aim to model the implications of various policy packages for investments, emissions and welfare of homeowners and renters. For the analyses, we use computational models as well as empirical analyses of homeowner surveys. The research is conducted in close cooperation with the Humboldt University (Prof. Alex Stomper) and the homeowner association Haus und Grund.

The tasks:

- You will develop computational models and apply them for policy analyses
- You will write and publish academic papers in peer-reviewed journals
- You will present your research at national workshops and international conferences
- Your research will inform stakeholders and policymakers

Requirements:

- Master's degree in economics or equivalent
- Interest in environmental economics, public economics or climate finance
- Interest in policy-relevant research questions
- Fluent in English and German (C1 minimum)
- Ability to work in teams

What we offer:

- Work and research in an international, collaborative and multi-cultural team in a world leading research institute on climate policy
- Close supervision of research and collaboration possibilities within MCC and project partners
- The possibility to develop policy solutions for a key challenge of humanity
- Flexible and family friendly working hours
- An attractive work space at the EUREF campus in Berlin Schöneberg
- Participation in employee retirement provision

The MCC values a collaborative working place environment that embraces diversity, tolerance, and equity. We aim to increase the number of women especially in leadership positions and especially welcome applications by women ([here](#)).

Appointment terms:

We seek to fill the position as soon as possible. The position is funded for three years, remuneration is in accordance with the public services of the German federal states (TV-L), salary class 13. remuneration is 65% of salary group E13 TV-L of the German public tariff scheme.

Application:

To apply, please send an e-mail with the reference number as subject **PD_2022_4** to Mrs. Franziska Faber, jobs@mcc-berlin.net, with an electronic application by **21.09.2022**, which should contain the following in one single pdf file:

- Motivation letter
- Curriculum Vitae, mentioning two academic references
- One academic paper (equivalent: Master thesis, term paper)
- Transcript of records and other relevant certificates

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for a job interview. For content-related questions you can contact Prof. Matthias Kalkuhl kalkuhl@mcc-berlin.net.

Portrait of the MCC

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. Our research is carried out in seven working groups and it addresses the grand challenges of climate change and of governing the global commons. Our research is rooted primarily in economics and other social sciences. We provide scientific policy advice and aim to identify policy-relevant solutions. Cooperation with high-profile international partner organizations provides a network of excellence and foster the high quality of the research at MCC. 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>.