



## Student Assistant

*Reference number SA\_2024\_4*

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, supportive and international team, you crave to understand what climate policies work, when, and why, and you feel that policy should be informed by the best available scientific evidence - then you may want to apply for this position in MCC's Policy Evaluation Lab:

### **Student assistant in policy impact evaluation**

The successful candidate will work in the prestigious ARIADNE project funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research. ARIADNE is the largest and most ambitious project in Germany assessing suitable policies to achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement in an integrated approach with stakeholders.

#### **Job duties**

The student assistant will contribute to analyses evaluating the effectiveness of policy interventions in the transportation sector. For this, the candidate can draw on and learn from our experience in using quantitative methods to evaluate climate policies.

Depending on the available skills this might include:

- Manage rich datasets such as administrative data, mobility and GPS data.
- Get involved with programming and statistical modelling, with a focus on causal inference
- Visualize data
- Conduct literature research and gather information on current policy debate

#### **Candidate profile**

The ideal candidate:

- Is a master's student in economics, statistics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative political science or any related field;
- Has experience working with data;
- Has programming skills with R or python;
- Has interest in econometrics and quasi-experimental methods;
- Is able to read and understand scientific literature;
- Is eager to learn.

Candidates are encouraged to apply even if their experience does not precisely match all the aforementioned criteria.

**We offer:**

- Experiences in an inspiring, international and interdisciplinary work environment in a world leading research institute on climate policy;
- Working in a dedicated and motivated multi-cultural team;
- First insights into a solution-oriented research project with several German and international partners and with immediate policy relevance;
- The opportunity to contribute to tackling challenges of climate change and our common future;
- The opportunity to learn from the team's experience in evaluating climate policy;
- An attractive workplace in an old industrial building at the EUREF - Campus in Schöneberg, Berlin.

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. MCC provides an exciting, collaborative, interdisciplinary and international research and working atmosphere.

**Appointment terms**

The position is for 1 year (extension is possible and desirable) on a 10 or 20 hours per week basis starting flexibly around April-June 2024. Remuneration is according to German public tariff scheme, at 12,96 €/hour (gross).

**Applications**

Please send an e-mail with the reference number as subject **SA\_2024\_4** to Dr. Nicolas Koch, [jobs@mcc-berlin.net](mailto:jobs@mcc-berlin.net), which should contain the following in one single pdf file:

- Motivation letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Transcript of records

The position remains open until filled. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

For content-related questions you can contact Dr. Nicolas Koch [koch@mcc-berlin.net](mailto:koch@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 addresses the grand challenges of climate change and of governing the global commons. It 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 the [MCC website](#).