

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Chair of Development Economics/CeMIS

The Chair of Development Economics/Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer, is accepting applications for a Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow position. Upon the completion of their Master studies, candidates will gain a deeper insight into the world of scientific research and be able to evaluate whether an academic career with a PhD as the next step is desirable for them. We will support Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows in their PhD application endeavors in Germany or abroad as well as scholarship or grant applications financing a PhD in our research group.

Responsibilities

The Fellow will support the Chair with ongoing research and grant application tasks, have the opportunity to participate in the wide range of research-related seminar series and talks, and become a full member of the Chair's team and activities. The position would entail gaining an insight into a wide range of the Chair's research projects in the fields of development economics and global health, with the possibility to develop a small own project out of one of these. Tasks could include, for example, the search and construction of datasets, cleaning, harmonizing and analyzing of data, helping with developing or editing of manuscripts, or searching, summarizing and synthesizing academic literatures.

Qualifications

- Completion of a Master's program in a relevant field (e.g. Development Economics, Development Studies, Global Health). Completion is required at the time of signing the "Pre-Doc" contract, we welcome applications from Master students approaching the end of their degree.
- Prior research experience is a plus but not required.
- Proficiency in statistical software packages R and / or STATA is a plus.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English
- Ability to work independently with close attention to detail, take responsibility for their work, with a flexible, proactive and can-do attitude, and a high level of self-organization
- Ability to communicate technical concepts in an easy-to-understand manner, and update on progress in a succinct and timely manner
- Ability to work in a team

Timeline

The starting date of the contract is flexible, with a preference for the time period soon after completion of the Master studies. The length of the Pre-Doctoral research fellowship is typically one year but can be discussed according to applicants' wishes during the interview.

Work arrangements

We expect fellows to live in Göttingen, with the option to work remotely for some flexible hours. The total working hours can be individually discussed.

How to apply

We accept applications on a rolling basis. Please send your application in English by email to svollmer@uni-goettingen.de. It should contain the following documents (in that order) all in one PDF-file:

- Cover letter (including the desired start date and fellowship length)
- CV
- Transcript of Master and Bachelor degree
- If applicable: Certificates of additional qualifications, job references of prior research or work experience

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions. We look forward to receiving your application!

About the Chair of Development Economics at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies

We study the linkages between health, education and poverty in low- and middle-income countries, in diverse collaborations with local governments, non-government organizations and other academic institutions. Furthermore, we support research projects as external evaluators and provide decision makers with policy advice based on our research.

Equal opportunities at the University of Göttingen

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The University has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life. The mission of the University is to employ a greater number of severely disabled persons. Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.