

Predoc or postdoc researcher position open at U Tuebingen

In the economic history working group at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, a position as

Research Assistant (PhD candidate, or part-time Postdoc)

(TV-L E13, 50%)

is to be filled on 15 May 2018 or later. The length of employment is planned to be 3 years.

We are looking for a junior researcher (called "research assistant" in German universities) with a background in economics (empirical economics, economic history, or econometrics), or -- under certain conditions -- similar fields.

The focus is on research, although a very moderate amount of teaching and other work is also required (see below). Possible topics of your research could focus on one of our research projects. For example, one new project focuses on the contribution of gender equality on long-term economic growth. New archaeological methods allow to trace this factor and to answer questions such as: when did differences between, say, Scandinavia and India, first occur? What were the causes and effects until today? We also study many research questions that have policy impact until today about numeracy, violence, inequality, social mobility and economic growth. You can specialize on any world region, or on a single country, for example in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Europe or Latin America.

You will join a motivated and international research team that allows a lot of discussion about your research (for further information, please see the internet page of our group -- just google Joerg Baten).

You will notice how pleasant it is to perform world-class research in a group of doctoral students and postdocs, with tutoring and advice from senior scholars if needed. For pre-docs, Tübingen offers so-called "cumulative" doctoral work in economics, so the thesis will consist of several studies that can be partly joint work, and can be presented at workshops.

For working at our department German language skills are not required. Active assistance in research and teaching (eight days of teaching per year, with a small number of students, on topics that are close to your research interests) is required at our department.

You will have funds for travelling to international conferences, and the exciting experience to visit foreign countries for your research.

You might also assist in writing a research grant. If this grant is approved, your gross income will double (if all legal requirements are fulfilled). Your regular presence at the department at Tuebingen University is required. Although Tuebingen is a small city (near Stuttgart), it offers a broad range of cultural, sportive and of course scientific opportunities.

Information about the application process

Please indicate in your letter:

A. Have you performed regression analysis using software like Stata or other software yourself?

B. Do you know what IV estimation is? Or are you willing to learn about it?

C. Did you have some course in economic history or would you be open to become an economic historian?

D. Are you able to work independently including writing texts? Please include 5 pages from your master thesis or similar.

E. Would you like to present your research at international conferences?

Criteria for applications are your previous activities and success (skills as noted above, writing of scholarly texts etc.), as far as they are relevant for an expected academic career.

Applications are to be submitted, preferably in electronic form, with the usual documents (CV; copies of degrees from high school and university; short letter of motivation) as well as a 5 page excerpt of your master thesis or similar, by Feb 28th, 2018 - to joerg.baten@uni-tuebingen.de.

Questions can be directed to the Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten via Email, please do not phone.

The University of Tuebingen seeks to increase the proportion of women in the field of teaching and research and therefore strongly encourages suitably qualified female scholars to apply.

Disabled applicants will be preferred if they have the same qualifications as non-disabled applicants.

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