

The **Chair of Development Economics** (Professor Michael Grimm) of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems of the University of Passau invites applications for the position of:

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant in Development Economics (doctoral position)**

### **Job description**

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to study towards a doctorate and to conduct research in relation to the research undertaken by the Chair. Ongoing research projects include for example the assessment of interventions to prevent and control non-communicable diseases in South-East Asia, of interventions supporting micro-, small and medium-sized firms in Burkina Faso, of training interventions to enhance sustainable farming in Indonesia and of interventions to combine food security with female empowerment in Bangladesh and Ethiopia, among others.

Candidates are expected to engage in field work in the country or region on which their research is centred, to present their work at international conferences and workshops and to engage with donor and implementing agencies such as the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and its implementing agencies (KfW, GIZ) and international organisations such as the OECD, the World Bank and the United Nations. Doctoral candidates have access to a wide range of doctoral-level courses offered by the University of Passau and the Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE). Moreover, they may conduct part of their doctoral research at one of our partner universities during a research stay or enrol in a prestigious summer school in relation to their research.

The Chair is involved in three major degree programmes: *B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics*, *M.Sc. International Economics and Business*, and *M.A. Development Studies*. The successful candidates will participate in the teaching activities of the Chair, specifically the courses *Microeconomics* and *Growth and Development* (both forming part of the B.Sc. programme) and various specialised Master's-level courses and seminars in Development Economics, such as *Micro Development Economics; Health, Development and Public Policy*; and *Evaluation of Development Policies*.

The team is supported by other resident and non-resident doctoral students, two postdoctoral researchers, three professors, a secretary and several student assistants.

### **Requirements**

The successful candidate will have recently gained his or her M.A./M.Sc. in Development Economics or Development Studies or be near completion. The position requires strong quantitative skills and the ability to handle and manage large and complex micro data sets in STATA. Field experience and expertise in one or several countries in the Global South is desirable. Initial experience in a teaching assistant role for economics courses is a plus.

Candidates should be flexible team workers with good planning and organisational skills, an interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and an excellent command of English. Candidates are expected to already have basic knowledge in German and exhibit the willingness to keep perfecting their German during their employment at the University of Passau.

### **The University of Passau**

We are one of Germany's leading mid-sized Universities, and have an excellent reputation for our interdisciplinary teaching programmes and international orientation.

In addition to development economics, the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems undertakes research in social policy and family economics, international economics and trade as well as the economics of institutions, governance and corruption. The Faculty of Arts and Humanities has a focus on development sociology and sustainability with a special regional expertise in South and South-East Asia.

### **The city**

Passau is one of Germany's loveliest cities and is also known as the 'City of Three Rivers'. Its Old Town features beautiful baroque architecture and the nearby Alps as well as the Bavarian Forest offer a rich selection of top-notch sports and leisure activities.

### **Appointment and salary**

The earliest starting date for this position is 1 November 2021, the latest 1 April 2022. Remuneration for the position is in line with pay grade TV-L E13 of the German public-sector salary scale, with the social benefits applicable for public-sector employees. The position is offered at 50% full-time equivalent (0.50 FTE) and with a fixed term of three years, although extension by another year is possible. Depending on available funding, the position can be topped up to 0.75 FTE or full-time employment.

The University of Passau is committed to gender equality and wishes to increase the number of female academic employees: women are therefore expressly encouraged to apply. Moreover, this position is suitable for candidates with disabilities. Persons who are registered disabled are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal.

### **Applications**

To apply, please send **a single pdf-file** comprising a cover letter, your CV including the names of two referees, copies of relevant degree certificates and transcripts, your preferred starting date and a short research statement (not more than two pages) outlining your main research interests to Ms Christiana Augsburg, [DevEcon@uni-passau.de](mailto:DevEcon@uni-passau.de), by **10 October 2021**. E-mailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems. Please visit [www.uni-passau.de/en/university/current-vacancies](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/university/current-vacancies) for our data privacy statement.