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Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent*in Position (20-25%)

The research group “Political Behavior and Digital Media” (Prof. Karsten Donnay) in the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent*in (20-25%) starting on January 1, 2021. Research in the group substantively focuses on the role of new digital media channels for political behavior. The group’s second main research interest is in the area of computational social science more broadly.

Responsibilities

The position supports ongoing research in the group related to a variety of substantive research topics in the area of political behavior online. This includes in particular a project on media bias and its influence on collective decision making pursued jointly with a team of computer scientists. As part of the project, you would for example help support a large-scale behavioral experiment online related to revealing bias in online news articles.

Level of employment

20-25%

Qualifications

The position is particularly suitable for third-year BA or first-year MA students with a strong quantitative interest and, ideally, prior experience working with more advanced quantitative or computational methods. More generally, the position is a starting point for all of those students, who would like to get hands-on experience in academic research projects.

Applicants for this position should meet the following requirements

- Enrolled in a political science degree program
- Good overall study performance
- Excellent statistical skills and experience working with R/RStudio
- High degree of self-motivation and excellent work ethics
- Knowledge of Python, JavaScript etc. is an asset

Language requirements

English and German.



We offer

- Working in an interesting, cutting-edge project together with an interdisciplinary team of researchers from the social and computer sciences
- First experience working in an academic research project
- Usually a work space at the institute but whether this will be possible also depends on the current situation due to COVID-19

This position opens on

The starting date for the position is **January 1, 2021**.

Further information

If you are interested in applying for this position, please address your application (including motivation letter, CV, proof of academic performance and a seminar / research paper or your BA thesis) to sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch with the subject "job opening – Prof. Donnay".

Closing date for applications

Review of applications will begin on **November 1, 2021** and continue until the position is filled.