The Center for Adaptive Rationality directed by Ralph Hertwig at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development is seeking applicants for a position as

**Student Research Assistant**

We are looking for a student research assistant (Studentische Hilfskraft) to work with Dr. Florian Artinger and Dr. Ruben Arslan on research in decision-making. Dr. Artinger’s work addresses topics in behavioral economics, operations research, marketing, cognitive psychology, statistics and machine learning. Dr. Arslan studies individual differences in intelligence and risk preferences, with methods including Bayesian multilevel modelling and longitudinal questions with daily experience sampling data. Research assistants are usually employed on a basis of **$60/h a month**. The position lasts for **6 months or longer**. The preferred start date is July or August 2018.

**Requirements**

- Quantitative background
- Experience of using **R**
- Strong interest in some of the research topics mentioned above
- Enrollment at a German university
- High interest in participating in research on cognitive science and decision making
- Good proficiency in written and spoken English, the scientific language of the Institute

Sample tasks include generating datasets on decision making from online sources, designing and conducting experiments and online surveys (including some programming), coding of qualitative data such as interviews and texts, the statistical analysis of data, and the transparent reporting of these steps according to open science principles. We encourage students from all backgrounds to apply, including economics, management, psychology, sociology, statistics, computer science, mathematics, engineering, and physics.

The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more individuals with disabilities and especially encourages qualified individuals to apply. The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

**What we offer**

The Center for Adaptive Rationality is investigating various aspects of judgment and decision-making. We offer you the chance to participate in a large international and interdisciplinary research team with many friendly colleagues. You will be encouraged to provide intellectual input to the research projects with the possibility of being an author on the scientific papers that communicate the findings. This is an excellent opportunity to carry out a thesis project for your master’s or diploma degree and to find out whether you would want to pursue a doctoral degree. You can expect a strong reference letter upon good performance. Internships are also available. Pay is competitive (10.98€/hour) and you would able to work remotely for some of the time and tasks.
How to apply
Please send your application electronically to arc-jobs@mpib-berlin.mpg.de using the subject line “Application Student RA 1805”. Your application should include the following documents in a single PDF document (identified with your last name): (a) a short motivation letter, including how many working hours you will commit, (b) CV without a photo, and (c) relevant school/university certificates and references. Please indicate how you found out about the position. Preliminary inquiries about the positions are welcome. The deadline for submitting applications is May 30th, 2018.

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