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

**Research Internship**

Research internships typically last 3 months. The anticipated start date is **January 15th or February 1st, 2020.**

**Requirements**
- High interest in participating in research on judgment and decision-making
- High flexibility and commitment
- Good proficiency in English and German

**Desired qualifications (not all are necessary to apply)**
- Communication skills
- Basic programming and statistical skills

**What we offer**
The Max Planck Institute for Human Development is recruiting an intern for a research internship on individual and collective cognitive biases. It is well-documented that humans are subject to a range of cognitive biases when they make decisions. One such prominent bias is a tendency to underestimate quantities. However, examples have been found where people overestimated certain types of quantities. The main aim of this project is to investigate the conditions under which people either under- or overestimate quantities, and to investigate how this information can be harnessed when combining estimates of different raters in collective intelligence approaches. The candidate’s tasks include collecting, documenting and analysing existing data sets on estimation tasks. The candidate would develop new skills in statistical and data analysis, programming and modelling, and get acquainted with some of the important questions in research on human decision making. There is also the possibility to take part in other ongoing research projects on collective intelligence and social decision making, for example helping out in experiment to gain more experience in running experiments.

The applicant will work in close collaboration with a post-doctoral fellow (Dr. Bertrand Jayles) and a research scientist at the institute (Dr. Ralf Kurvers). Internships typically last 3 months and are reimbursed with 380 euros per month (based on full-time internship). The preferred starting date is **January 6th 2020**, but others dates are negotiable. Part-time internships are possible.

The Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals.

The Max Planck Society strives for gender and diversity equality. We welcome applications from all backgrounds.

**How to apply**
Please send your application electronically to jayles@mpib-berlin.mpg.de using the subject line “Application Research Internship Collective Intelligence”. Your application should include the following documents, without a photo, in a single PDF document: (a) a short motivation letter, (b) CV, and (c) relevant school/university certificates and references. The application deadline is **Dec 6th**, however, the call will be online until the position is filled.

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