

Job Vacancy

The **Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) – Member of the Leibniz Association** is seeking to hire

two to three student assistants

(on full-year basis with 10 to 20 hours a week (negotiable), starting in September 2018 or earlier)

to support the activities of the Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet).

CompNet is a network of researchers from IWH, European Central Bank (ECB), European Commission (EC), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB), Tinbergen Institute, National Central Banks (NCBs) and National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) of EU member states, as well as a number of distinguished scholars from world-leading academic institutions and international organisations. It aims at studying the topic of competitiveness while assuming that competitiveness originates, ultimately, at the micro-level (firm-level). Accordingly, the development and maintenance of a high-quality comprehensive firm-level database is of crucial importance.

The students will support the activities of CompNet:

- ✦ maintenance and enhancement of the database collected by the network
- ✦ co-work on reports to the public, academic and other government and official bodies (e.g. providing background materials, performing data visualisation and statistical analysis, summarising results, and drawing conclusions and implications for both research and policy)
- ✦ assist the planning and organisation of events (e.g. conferences) and the presentation of results
- ✦ manage, maintain and coordinate contacts and be responsible for relations with CompNet members (NCBs, NSIs)
- ✦ manage administrative tasks on a daily basis

The ideal candidates would be/have:

- ✦ close to/after obtaining a bachelor's degree in Economics and the ability to/willingness for longer-term engagement (ideally for the entire master study or two years)
- ✦ proficiency in microeconomics, in particular in topics related to firm competitiveness and behaviour (i.e. productivity, efficiency, unit labour costs, prices/markups, etc.)
- ✦ knowledge of econometrics, in particular microeconometrics
- ✦ experience in an international organisation, government ministry, academia (student assistant) is an advantage
- ✦ advanced MS office skills
- ✦ knowledge of a statistical software (preferably STATA) is essential, further programming languages (i.e. MatLab) is an advantage
- ✦ fluency (spoken and written) in English is obligatory, working knowledge in German would be desirable
- ✦ analytical skills and high level of numeracy
- ✦ ability to work in a team
- ✦ management and coordination skills
- ✦ self-reliance, ability to work on multiple assignments simultaneously and to prioritise tasks as to deliver results within (short) deadlines

We offer:

- ✦ excellent learning environment
- ✦ first grade contact to both, designated and world-leading scholars as well as to policy makers from the ECB, National Central Banks of the EU member states, governments bodies and ministries
- ✦ flexible working time

Application procedure:

Please address your application including your resume and CV with evidence of all qualifications as well as a copy of your enrolment certificate in **a single pdf file** by **July 9, 2018** to peter.haug@iwh-halle.de.