

Job Vacancy

Professor Ufuk Akcigit (University of Chicago, www.ufukakcigit.com) was awarded the Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award. He uses the Award to finance a research group at the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH). Prof Akcigit and the Halle Institute wish to fill the fulltime position of an

Assistant Professor/PostDoc (f/m/x)

in economics, starting at the earliest possible date. The position is assigned to the research group of Professor Akcigit within the Department of Structural Change and Productivity at the Halle Institute and will be financed until end of 2024, an extension by one year is envisaged. The place of employment is Halle (Saale), Germany.

Ufuk Akcigit is a leading economist in the fields of macroeconomics, entrepreneurship, innovation and firm dynamics. The Halle Institute is one of seven leading economics research institutes in Germany and focuses on research on labour, finance and productivity. The research group is led by Ufuk Akcigit and focusses on why economic disparity still exists between eastern and western Germany 30 years after the fall of the Berlin wall. The Halle Institute complements this research by its long-standing expertise on the East German economy and its focus on factor allocation and productivity. The Institute is running a large-scale EU project on productivity (www.microprod.eu), hosting the Competitiveness Research Network (www.comp-net.org), and providing unique microdata on EU productivity as well as novel data on the privatisation process of state owned socialist companies after German unification.

What we offer

You will be part of a dynamic international team of younger scholars under the guidance of Ufuk Akcigit and Steffen Müller, who is heading the IWH department on Structural Change and Productivity. You will be given the opportunity to conduct cutting edge economic research. There are no teaching obligations and you will not be required to contribute to any other projects at the Halle Institute. The Halle Institute for Economic Research is closely linked with the national and international scientific community and offers excellent opportunities to build up a competitive publication record.

What we expect

You hold a high-quality PhD in economics or related fields or you are close to finish your PhD in these fields. You have a solid background in microeconometrics and ideally some experience with empirical work with big data and computational economics. You would be willing to spend time at the University of Chicago if needed.

Further information

The IWH considers itself a family-friendly employer that guarantees equal opportunities for women and men and hereby strongly encourages women to apply for this position.

Remuneration and benefits correspond to the German public sector salary scheme (up to pay group 13 Tarifvertrag der Länder, TV-L).

Candidates with disabilities and their peers are encouraged to indicate a severe disability in their application.

Application procedure

The following information is required for an application:

- Personal data
- Letter of motivation: Please provide a statement explaining your current goals, career plans and reasons for being interested in the position. Please submit your job market paper or other suitable work.
- Any supplementary information relevant to your application.

Please submit your application with indication **2020-06** by **November 5, 2020** electronically in a **single pdf file** to jobs@iwh-halle.de.

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