The University of Passau owes its strong visibility and good repute to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 12,000 students from 100 countries and more than 1,300 staff study and work on our university campus, which is located a stone’s throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

Job description

Among other things, you will work in a research project on knowledge transfer, funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Scientific findings are regarded as important impetus for economically relevant innovations. In the project “Mapping the knowledge pathways between science and innovation”, you will investigate the role of science as the foundation for innovation across different types of actors, countries, and over time. The analyses will be conducted based on large-scale quantitative datasets. For instance, the transfer of scientific knowledge will be quantified based on the citation of scientific literature in patents to approximate the use of scientific discoveries in the innovation activities of commercial companies and other organizations. To better understand the diverse transfer approaches and activities of particularly successful institutions or individual research teams, you will conduct comparative case studies and interviews with “transfer champions” from different countries.

We are well networked with international researchers and attach great importance to international cooperation and visibility. It is important to us that scientific findings make a real impact on society. The position offers the opportunity to create real impact and influence research and innovation policy by delivering evidence-based insights and recommendations.

Person specification

We are looking for junior scientists with a strong interest in interdisciplinary research on an internationally competitive level. You have a very good master’s degree in business or economics or one of the other fields related...
to our research (e.g., computer science or statistics). You should have a good command of written and spoken English. You will fit in well if you are a team player, committed, interested, and willing to take on responsibility.

Since this research project is primarily empirical, it is important to us that you have an interest in and initial experience with empirical quantitative research methods. Preferably, you have already established methodological foundations during your degree studies and applied them when writing your seminar papers, dissertation or thesis, or in subsequent research projects. Ideally, you already have experience with the preparation and use of large datasets (e.g., patent or publication datasets).

If you have any questions regarding the vacancy, please contact Professor Haeussler directly: carolin.haeussler@uni-passau.de.

Interested?

Please send us your full application by 24 April 2022. Applications are only accepted by e-mail and should be enclosed as a single PDF file. Your application should include your curriculum vitae, a letter of motivation outlining your research interests and experience, and your secondary and tertiary education certificates indicating your marks and final grades, i.e. your secondary school leaving certificate/report card and the final transcripts for your bachelor's and master's degree (or, if not available, the latest available transcript); you should also include copies of your seminar papers or bachelor's dissertation/master's thesis written during your previous university studies. Please send your application to Professor Carolin Haeussler at carolin.haeussler@uni-passau.de.

E-mailed applications are kept on file for up to six months after the conclusion of the hiring procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems. Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/university/current-vacancies for our data privacy statement.

This position is suitable for those who are registered disabled. Registered disabled persons are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal. The University of Passau is keen to ensure equal opportunities for all members of staff and therefore welcomes applications from men and women of all cultural and social backgrounds, without regard to age, religion, world view, disability or sexual identity.

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