

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH - Social Sciences

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The WZB Berlin Social Science Center is a publicly financed research institution that conducts leading-edge theory-based and problem-oriented social science research (<http://www.wzb.eu/en>). WZB researchers come from across the globe and work across social science disciplines, including sociology, political science, economics, law, and psychology. A member of the Leibniz Association, WZB research is directed at the science community, policy makers, the media, and the general public.

Two Student Research Assistants (f/m/x) (ID 365)

For the behavioral experimental economics project on 'Mental Models and Discrimination' (lead by Kai Barron, PhD) in the Research Department 'Market Behaviour' within the Research Area 'Markets and Choice', the WZB Berlin Social Science Center is looking for on a temporary basis, potentially from December 2025/January 2026 for 10-20 hours per week, for nine months with an option of extension.

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): 01/12/25; Duration: 9 months; Remuneration: TdL (currently €13.98 per hour without a Bachelor's degree and €14.59 per hour with a Bachelor's degree); Closing date: 04/11/25

Working field

Please note:

The list of tasks and duties below reflects the range of activities involved in the positions we are looking to fill, pooled together. Your specific responsibilities will depend on your skillset and experience. For example, if you are a computer scientist with programming experience, but no background in economics—or vice versa—we still encourage you to apply. We are particularly interested in people who are motivated to learn about how research works and to acquire hands-on experience.

Your tasks and duties will be a subset of the following:

- Collection, cleaning, and handling of various datasets for research purposes
- Performing statistical analysis, e.g., in Stata, R, Python, or similar programming languages
- Basic standard coding of survey experiments, e.g., using Qualtrics, Otree
- Learning to use AI-Assistants and LLMs for research purposes, e.g., Deep Research

- Literature and dataset search
- Data visualization

Requirements

- You study Economics, Computer Science, Business Administration, or other Social Sciences with a strong quantitative focus at an advanced Bachelors or early Masters level at a Berlin university.
- You are interested in scientific research in the field of behavioral and experimental economics, especially using econometric methods.
- You have a good understanding of statistical analysis and concepts.
- You have knowledge and experience in working with (large) datasets using statistical software like Stata, R, Python, and/or with coding in other standard languages (JavaScript, HTML, etc.) or are eager to learn it.
- You have very good English language proficiency.

What we offer

- Remuneration according to the TdL guidelines (currently €13.98 per hour without a Bachelor's degree and €14.59 per hour with a Bachelor's degree)
- A well-equipped workplace in the center of Berlin
- International, cooperative, and diverse working environment
- Thorough instruction and guidance
- Flexible working hours in line with your studies at university
- Cafeteria and modern recreation rooms
- Discounted leisure and recreation opportunities with a membership in Sozialwerk.Bund
- Counselling and support services for WZB employees in difficult life situations

Application

We value diversity and welcome all applications – irrespective of gender, nationality, ethnic or social origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. WZB expressly encourages women or persons with migration backgrounds to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference.

If you have any questions regarding the job opening, please contact Babette Hagemann, the research manager (babette.hagemann[at]wzb.eu.)

For more information about the hiring research unit and researcher, see <https://www.wzb.eu/en/research/markets-and-choice/market-behavior> and <https://sites.google.com/site/kaibarron/>

For more information about WZB, see www.wzb.eu.

Have we caught your interest? In that case, we are looking forward to receiving your application via our online application tool by November 4, 2025.

Job interviews will likely take place mid-November (please indicate in your application if you are unavailable during a particular period in this interval).

More information at <https://stellenticket.de/198919/HTWB/>
Offer visible until 04/11/25

