Weizenbaum-Institut e.V.

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Founded in 2017, the Weizenbaum Institute researches the effects of advancing digitalisation on our society. With its recommendations for action, it helps to ensure that the digital transformation is sustainable, self-determined and responsible. The Weizenbaum Institute is supported by a network of seven partners, including Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin University of the Arts, the University of Potsdam, the Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (FOKUS) and the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB). The institute is financed by the Ministry of research, technology and space travel (BMFTR) and the state of Berlin. It is located in Berlin. For our research group Digital Economy, Internet Ecosystem, and Internet Policy at the Weizenbaum Institute e.V., we are looking to recruit, starting on 01 January 2027, a

Student assistants (all genders) - law

working 25,64 percent of regular working hours (10 hours per week). The position is initially fixed-term until 14th October 2027. An extension is envisaged. The Team The research group examines the evolution of contemporary Internet ecosystems. Particular emphasis is placed on researching various aspects of the expansion, access, and efficient management of digital infrastructure through the lens of computation, law and economics. The group is currently examining the development of AI infrastructure worldwide, as well as how international regulation of AI ecosystems is shaping contemporary power and sovereignty structures. The group is also investigating the fast-changing nature of digital markets, and how private and public regulatory structures relating to machine-learning and intellectual property are shaping 21st century creativity, trade and autonomy. The group also examines the privatisation of regulatory structures, the relationship between state regulation, corporate regulation and algorithmic regulation, and the implications of increasingly automatised computational law and economics. Here you can learn more about the team and its work.

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): 01/01/27; Remuneration: TV Stud III; Closing date: 23/11/26

Tasks

- Assist with the implementation of existing research projects (some of which are interdisciplinary)
- Conduct research on the research group's key topics
- Conduct literature and data research and assist with data preparation
- Assist with organizing and running events
- Maintain the research group's website (WordPress) and social media channels

Requirements

- Enrolment in a degree program in law, with a demonstrated interest in digital law. Applicants who are enrolled in economics, computer science or social sciences degrees with demonstrated interest in the group’s research topics will also be

considered.
- A passion for some of the following: digital law / societal implications of AI / the changing nature of platform economies / the changing nature of computation / contemporary creativity / online ecosystems.
- Proficiency in English.

What we offer

- Exciting tasks: Gain insight into current research and day-to-day academic work through close collaboration with research staff
- Excellent conditions: Remuneration based on TV Stud III
- Work-life balance: Remote working options (in average 2 days per week) and flexible working hours
- Central location: Work in the heart of Berlin in a dynamic, internationally connected research environment
- Excellent transport connections: The Institute is conveniently located and very well served by public transport
- Modern work equipment: High-quality equipment and innovative tools support collaboration
- Achieve more together: Enjoy a strong team spirit in a skilled and open working environment

Application

Applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference if equally qualified. We value diversity and welcome applications regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic or social background, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. The Weizenbaum Institute expressly encourages women* and people with a migration background to apply.

Please submit your application, consisting of a

cover letter,
CV,
current proof of enrollment,
certificates, and grades,

addressed to Zachary Cooper, through our application portal. If you have any questions, please contact Maite Vöhl from our HR team at personal[at]weizenbaum-institut.de. We look forward to receiving your application.

More information at https://stellenticket.de/208243/FUB/
Offer visible until 23/11/26