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RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research is an independent, non-profit research institution headquartered in Essen, Germany, with a significant presence in Berlin. The institute is a leading center for scientific research and evidence-based policy advice in Germany. RWI's development economics group conducts cutting-edge research and rigorous impact evaluations on a wide range of issues affecting low- and middle-income countries, including labor market, migration, and environmental policies. The group cooperates closely with African governments and international organizations such as the World Bank, ILO, WHO, GIZ, and 3ie. Its unifying objective is to increase the effectiveness of pro-poor development policies.

RWI is inviting applications for a

Ph.D. position in Development Economics at RWI's Berlin office

Your tasks will include

- conducting independent research at the intersection of the economics of development, migration and labor;
- contributing to research projects conducted in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German development agency GIZ;
- frequent travel to selected African countries in order to support the implementation of project activities such as surveys and randomized interventions;
- completing all doctoral degree requirements; the doctorate can be awarded by an RWI-affiliated university, but Ph.D. students who are enrolled at and eligible for a doctoral degree from another university in Germany or abroad are also encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will

- have a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Political Science, or other related field;
- have a strong interest in development economics;
- have a deep understanding of empirical methods and meaningful experience conducting quantitative analyses using statistical software;
- be willing to relocate to Berlin for the duration of the contract;
- have international work experience, or be willing to acquire it;
- have an excellent command of English and strong writing skills. Knowledge of French/or German is not required, but desirable.

We will offer the Ph.D. candidate

- a vibrant community of development economists and related social scientists in Berlin, including the Development Economics Network Berlin (DENEb) with its regular writing workshops, seminars and meetings with world-class visiting speakers;
- strong support to present research results at international conferences and to publish in leading academic journals;
- the option to enroll in courses in the Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics and the Ruhr Graduate School in Economics; the institute can also facilitate research stays and select coursework at Berlin's, other European and U.S.-based partner universities.

The start date for this position is flexible, but no earlier than February 2020. Details can be arranged in consultation with the candidate. The contract will initially be limited to two years, with an option to extend. Competitive compensation and benefits are based on the German public service pay scale (100%, TV-L EG 13). Disabled applicants will be given preference over equally qualified others. We strongly encourage women, minorities, and candidates from developing countries to apply.



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Please contact Ms Cara Ebert for further information about the position and Ms Sabine Reinhard for questions on the application process. Both can be reached under humanresources@rwi-essen.de.

Send your application (cover letter, CV, university transcripts/certificates, and at least one letter of reference) via email quoting **reference number 70500-26/19** no later than

January 15, 2020 to

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Ms Sabine Reinhard
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