

The **Chair of Development Economics** (Prof. Michael Grimm) in the Faculty of Economics of the University of Passau invites applications for:

## **A one-year position as visiting fellow in Development Economics (doctoral or post-doctoral level)**

### *Description of the position*

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to conduct their doctoral or post-doctoral research. Ideally their research is related to the research currently undertaken by the Chair. Ongoing research projects include studies of the barriers to entrepreneurship in connection to credit and risk in Sub-Saharan Africa, the evaluation of formal health insurance with respect to its effects on health, income, agricultural and non-agricultural production and informal risk sharing networks, risky health behavior and road safety in India and the evaluation of targeted access to energy programs in Burkina Faso, Rwanda and Indonesia.

During their stay successful candidates will participate in the teaching activities of the Chair. This includes courses in Microeconomics (BA) and Growth and Development (BA) and various specialized courses and seminars in Development Economics at the Master level (e.g. Health, Public Policy and Development, Evaluation of Development Policies, Micro Development Economics). The teaching load for this position shall not exceed 4 hours per week per semester (i.e. 2 x 14 weeks).

### *Requirements*

Successful candidates at the doctoral level have a Ph.D. supervisor at their home university and have at least completed the first year of their Ph.D. Post-doctoral candidates have recently completed or will complete their Ph.D. prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

The position requires strong quantitative skills and an excellent knowledge of applied micro-econometric methods. Field experience and expertise in one or several developing countries is desirable. Candidates should show ability to work in a team, be flexible and have planning and organizational skills. Moreover, the candidates should have a very good knowledge of English. Knowledge of German is not required, but a basic command of German is a plus.

### *The organisation*

Passau University is one of Germany's top smaller Universities. The University is well known for its interdisciplinary teaching programs and international orientation.

In addition to Development Economics, staff at the Faculty of Economics undertakes research in Social Policy and Family Economics, International Economics and Trade as well as the Economics of Institutions, Governance and Corruption. The Faculty of Philosophy has a focus on Development Sociology and Sustainability with a special regional expertise in South- and South East Asia.

### *The city*

Passau is a wonderful city, also known as the "City of Three Rivers". It has a wonderful old baroque town and the nearby Alps and the Bavarian Forest offer a multi-faceted selection of top-notch athletic opportunities.

### *Appointment and salary*

The starting date for this position is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The salary is based on the TV-L E 13 (75%) with the social benefits valid for public servants. The position is limited to a period of 12 months. The position is not renewable unless external funding is attracted.

The University of Passau is committed to increase its number of female academic employees and thus would like to encourage particularly women to apply for this position. Seriously disabled applicants possessing substantially the same qualifications for this position will be given preference over others.

### *Applications*

A cover letter, accompanied by a CV including the names of two referees, copies of relevant diplomas and transcripts, and a 1-2 page research statement outlining your main research interests, progress and plans should be combined in a single pdf-file and sent to Ms. Christiana Augsburg (DevEcon (at) uni-passau.de) before May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.