

DIW Berlin's Sustainable Development Research Group offers a

## **Junior Researcher Position in Development Economics based in Ulaanbaatar**

(100%, 1 year)

The candidate will contribute to a long-term research project investigating how households in rural Mongolia adapt to climate change. Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the project evaluates the impact of two adaptation interventions on households with quantitative methods: (1) the provision of daily weather forecasts and medium-term projections of extreme weather events to households; and (2) an index-based weather insurance that provides indemnity payments to insured households in the aftermath of an extreme weather event. Both Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) and quasi-experimental methods will be used to establish a valid counterfactual. Moreover, the project will implement two additional waves of the Coping with Shocks in Mongolia Household Panel Survey, for which three waves were implemented between 2012 and 2015 ([www.diw.de/mongolia](http://www.diw.de/mongolia)).

### **Tasks**

- Assist in supervising the development, implementation, and monitoring of two RCTs on weather forecasts in rural Mongolia.
- Contribute to designing the household survey questionnaire for wave 4 and assist in supervising its implementation in rural Mongolia. This also includes conducting a pilot survey in the field and training local project staff.
- Organize and lead regular project workshops with Mongolian project partners in Ulaanbaatar.
- Create and maintain close networks with relevant Ministries, NGOs, and international organizations in Mongolia. Represent the project before Mongolian policy stakeholders.
- Conduct in-depth interviews with stakeholders from the Mongolian insurance sector.

### **Requirements**

- Master in development economics or related discipline.
- Good understanding of quantitative methods for impact evaluation and Randomized Control Trials.
- Willingness to work from Ulaanbaatar for the duration of one year. Willingness to travel to remote areas of rural Mongolia for several weeks.
- Work and/or research experience in developing countries.
- Outstanding communication skills and intercultural sensitivity.

- Ability to work independently and be highly self-organized.
- Excellent working knowledge of MS Excel.
- Fluency in spoken and written English. Command of German or Mongolian is not mandatory, but welcome.
- Experience with analyzing household survey data from developing countries would be an advantage.

### What we offer

The position offers the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in implementing a household panel survey and RCTs on a novel topic. The full-time position is available for a duration of twelve months, from April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019. The salary will be determined in accordance with the German public sector TVöD scale (13). Following a short training phase in Berlin in April 2018, the candidate will be based in Ulaanbaatar (in the office of a project partner) for the remainder of the time. The job opening is conditional upon obtaining final approval of the research grant.

We highly appreciate diversity and are thus pleased to receive any application - irrespective of gender, nationality, disability, or ethnic and social background.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a sample of written work (such as the Master's thesis or a seminar paper), a detailed curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificates, and two letters of recommendation. Please apply online by December 13, 2017, stating the reference number **VST-5-17**. For further information, please refer to our website or contact Dr. Kati Krähnert ([kkraehnert@diw.de](mailto:kkraehnert@diw.de)).

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