

DIW Berlin's Sustainable Development Research Group offers a

## **Post-Doctoral Position in Development Economics**

(100%, 7 months)

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:**

- Contribute to designing the household survey questionnaire for wave 4 and supervise its implementation in rural Mongolia. This also includes conducting a pilot survey in the field and training local project staff.
- Supervise the development and implementation of two RCTs on weather forecasts in the field, coordinating closely with Mongolian project partners.
- Conduct research based on the existing three household panel survey waves, write scientific papers, and present results at scientific conferences. Possible topics are the impact of extreme weather events on households' risk perceptions and the impact of shocks on households' asset accumulation.

### **Requirements:**

- Solid economics background that allows admission to the Berlin Economics Research Associates (BERA) network (<https://www.berlin-econ.de/>).
- PhD in development economics or being close to submitting the dissertation.
- A record of publications on the topics outlined above would be an advantage.
- Strong background in micro-econometric methods.
- Experience with analyzing household survey data from developing countries. Prior experience with implementing RCTs would be an advantage.
- Willingness to conduct fieldwork in remote areas of rural Mongolia for several weeks. Work and/or research experience in developing countries would be an advantage.

- Outstanding communication skills and intercultural sensitivity.
- Fluent English. Command of German is not mandatory, but welcome.

### **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. DIW Berlin offers an exciting research environment. The full-time position is available for a duration of seven months, from April 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018. The salary will be determined in accordance with the German public sector TVöD scale (13 or 14, depending on the candidate's experience). 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, a detailed curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificates, and two academic letters of recommendation. Please apply online by **December 13, 2017**, stating the reference number **VST-6-17**. For further information, please refer to our website or contact Dr. Kati Krähnert ([kkraehnert@diw.de](mailto:kkraehnert@diw.de)).

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