

The **Chair of Development Economics** of the Faculty of Economics, University of Passau, invites applications for:

## **one doctoral and one postdoctoral position in Development Economics**

### *Description of the positions*

The successful candidates will have the opportunity to study towards their doctorate or a postdoctoral qualification, conducting research which would ideally be related to the research undertaken by the Chair. Ongoing research projects include studies of the barriers to employment and entrepreneurship in connection with credit and risk, an evaluation of a health insurance scheme in Burkina Faso and an analysis of the driving factors of Africa's fertility transition. However, other development-related topics with a focus on economic analysis and rigorous empirical research are equally welcome.

Candidates are expected to engage in field work in the country or region on which their research is centred, to present their work at international conferences and workshops and to engage with donor and implementing agencies such as the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and its implementing agencies (KfW, GIZ) and international organisations such as the OECD, the World Bank and the United Nations. Doctoral candidates have access to a wide range of doctoral-level courses offered by the University of Passau and the Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE). Moreover, they may conduct part of their doctoral research at one of our partner universities during a research stay or enrol in a prestigious summer school in relation to their research.

The Chair is involved in three major degree programmes: *B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics*, *M.A. International Economics and Business*, and *M.A. Development Studies*. The successful candidates will participate in the teaching activities of the Chair, specifically the courses *Microeconomics* and *Growth and Development* (both forming part of the B.Sc. programme) and various specialised Master's-level courses and seminars in Development Economics, such as *Micro Development Economics; Health, Development and Public Policy*; and *Evaluation of Development Policies*. The postdoctoral postholder will teach *Econometrics* to first-year master's students enrolled in the M.A. Development Studies programme.

The team is supported by other resident and non-resident doctoral students, another postdoctoral researcher, two visiting postdoctoral researchers, a guest professor, a secretary and several student assistants.

### *Requirements*

The successful candidate for the doctoral position is expected to have a recent M.A./M.Sc. in Economics with demonstrated expertise in at least one of the following domains: 'Development Economics', 'Health Economics', 'Labour Economics' or the 'Economics of Education'. Candidates for the postdoctoral position should have recently been awarded their doctorate, or should expect to receive it prior to 1 April 2016.

The positions require strong quantitative skills and the ability to handle and manage large and complex micro data sets in STATA. Field experience and expertise in one or several developing countries is desirable. Candidates should be flexible team workers with good planning and organisational skills, an interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and very good command of both German and English.

### *The University of Passau*

We are one of Germany's top mid-sized Universities, and have an excellent reputation for our interdisciplinary teaching programmes and international orientation.

In addition to Development Economics, 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 Arts and Humanities has a focus on Development Sociology and Sustainability with a special regional expertise in South and South-East Asia.

### *The city*

Passau is one of Germany's loveliest cities and is also known as the 'City of Three Rivers'. Its Old Town features beautiful baroque architecture and the nearby Alps as well as the Bavarian Forest offer a rich selection of top-notch sports and leisure activities.

### *Appointment and salary*

The start date for these positions is 1 April 2016. Remuneration for the positions is in line with pay grade TV-L E13 of the German public-sector salary scale, with the social benefits applicable for public servants. The postdoctoral position is full time, while the doctoral position is offered at 75% full-time equivalent (0.75 FTE).

The doctoral position has a fixed term of three years, and may be extended by one additional year. The initial term of the postdoctoral position will be two years; the position may be upgraded to '*Akademischer Rat*' (roughly equivalent to Senior Research Fellow) after one year.

The University of Passau is committed to gender equality and wishes to increase the number of female academic employees: women are therefore expressly encouraged to apply. Moreover, the positions are suitable for disabled or severely disabled persons, who will be given preference over others if the qualifications and personal aptitudes are otherwise equal.

### *Applications*

To apply, please send **a single pdf-file** comprising a cover letter, your CV including the names of two referees, copies of relevant diplomas and transcripts, and a short research statement (not more than two pages) outlining your main research interests to Ms Christiana Augsburg, [DevEcon@uni-passau.de](mailto:DevEcon@uni-passau.de), by 15 December 2015.