

The research group "["Bioeconomy Economics"](#)" of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems (Dr Terese Venus) invites applications for the position of

**student research assistant (20 hours per month)**

The starting date of this position can be agreed individually (from September 2024).

**Project description:**

The student research assistant, who is *ideally studying the M.Sc. International Economics and Business, M.A. Development Studies, M.A. International Cultural and Business Studies or M.A. Geography degree programme*, will support the ReValueD research project. This project focuses on the concept of the bioeconomy. As developing countries face the challenge of fostering economic growth under the constraint of environmental regulation, the bioeconomy is considered to be a means to overcome the development gap between agrarian economies and sustainable industrialisation by creating industries based on biological resources and bioprocesses (e.g. biodiesel, bioplastic, bio-textiles etc.). The overarching goal is to bridge technical knowledge of the bioeconomy with socio-economic realities to create strong market links between developing and developed countries. This student position will focus on the project's study case of the Philippines.

**Key responsibilities:**

- Support research activities including literature research, data retrieval, data preparation and analysis, and follow-up-survey preparation.
- Assist with organisational tasks related to the project and provide logistical fieldwork support.

**Requirements:**

- Language proficiency: a very good command of English is required.
- Bachelor's degree in economics or a related field (social sciences), with proven basic knowledge of economics.
- Must be currently enrolled in a master's programme at a German university.
- Interest in participating in primary data collection (in the Philippines), data processing and analysis.
- Interest in interdisciplinary and international research.

**What we offer:**

You will work on an international and interdisciplinary academic research project and gain experience in data handling and analysis. Ideally, you will also collect unique data to analyse as part of your master's thesis. *We also offer you the possibility to write your master's thesis under close supervision based on this work* as part of the project. The contract has a term of up to 12 months.

The University of Passau wishes to increase the proportion of its female staff and expressly encourages women to apply for the position. This position is suitable for candidates with disabilities. Those who are registered disabled are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal.

**How to apply:**

Please send a **single pdf file** that includes a cover letter, CV, your preferred starting date as well as relevant certificates and transcripts to Dr Terese Venus ([BioEcon@uni-passau.de](mailto:BioEcon@uni-passau.de)) and Franziska Jäckel ([franziska.jaeckel@uni-passau.de](mailto:franziska.jaeckel@uni-passau.de)). **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**

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