The research center “International Finance and Macroeconomics” at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy is looking for an

intern (m/f/div), full-time or a three-day working week

for our research project on “200 years of booms and busts in international capital flows” at the earliest possible date. We are a young, dynamic, research-oriented team with a large international network, focusing on international capital flows, financial globalization, financial history, and questions of international political economy, in particular geopolitics and geoeconomics.

The intern will actively participate in our broad-based empirical research agenda on international capital flows since 1800. In this ambitious research project, we explore international financial flows with a particular focus on geopolitical drivers and on China’s growing role in international financial markets. Processing micro-level data on international lending transactions and sovereign debt using Stata and Excel will constitute a big part of the project.

What we offer:

• Participation in ambitious research projects involving leading international researchers
• Deep insights into empirical work and state-of-the-art research, by using Excel, Stata and other stat packages
• An open and international work environment in a team of motivated RAs and interns
• Attendance of various Kiel Institute seminars and participation, upon agreement, in courses offered by the Kiel Institute’s Advanced Studies Program (ASP) and Kiel Institute summer schools

What we DO NOT offer:

• Literature review or any form of academic or policy related writing
• Day-to-day business tasks
• Collaboration on other projects of the department or of the Kiel Institute

What we expect:

The team of Prof. Christoph Trebesch is looking for a student who

• possesses a high GPA (1.9 or higher on the German scale or equivalent)
• possesses profound programming skills in Stata (R or Python also possible), exceeding knowledge gained in a university class
• is able to think analytically
• is motivated and does not hesitate to propose ideas to move the project forward
• is experienced in working independently, accurately and in a structured manner
• has an interest in working with data using Excel and Stata
• performs tasks responsibly and reliably
• has an interest in international finance, international macroeconomics and economic history

Information on the application:

German language skills are not required.

Please submit your application via the application form on our website using ID-No. „Intern_Finance_200_years“. Please include:

• Cover letter (please explain your interest in the position and where you gained skills in the use of the relevant software)
• CV (including your current GPA)
• Your most recent university transcript in German or English
• Reference letters, if available
• One academic writing sample such as your Bachelor thesis or a seminar paper, if available

Please note that you have to be enrolled as a student to be considered for this position.

We only consider applications received via our online tool. Applications sent via email will not be considered.

In order to be eligible for this position you have to hold EU citizenship or need to be able to provide a work permit that is valid throughout the time of your contract. Please inform yourself about the work permit application procedure and eligibility before you apply to this internship position and be aware that the application procedure for a work permit might take up to three months.

The internship position is limited to three months. The part-time internship option is only available to students enrolled at the University of Kiel.

Please do not include a photo of yourself with your application.

Contact: Please do not hesitate to direct any questions regarding the position or the application process to the following contact:

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