

The University of Passau owes its strong visibility and good reputation to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 12,000 students and more than 1,300 staff study and work on our university campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Chair of Public Economics** (Professor Stefan Bauernschuster) of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems of the University of Passau invites applications for a

doctoral (PhD) position

for the DFG Research Training Group 2720 on Digital Platform Ecosystems (DPE). For applicants with a background in Applied Microeconometrics the Research Training Group offers the possibility to engage in empirical research to explore the role of Digital Platform Ecosystems in particular in the fields of education, environmental, health, labor or population economics.

The Research Training Group (RTG)

The RTG (see <https://dpe.uni-passau.de> for more information) is a postgraduate excellence programme and vibrant interdisciplinary research community. It is comprised of 22 doctoral (PhD) and postdoctoral students, nine principal investigators/doctoral supervisors and an international network of research partners from the disciplines of economics, management, organisation, marketing, information systems and communication studies. Together, they investigate the idiosyncratic characteristics of digital platform ecosystems and their implications for the transformation and design of economic value-creation architectures as well as for overarching socio-economic and regulatory developments.

The Chair of Public Economics

Next to the research focus on digital platform ecosystems, ongoing research projects include for example the impact of public child care on labor supply and fertility, the impact of environmental conditions on labor supply and health, the role of the Spanish Flu for political outcomes in the Weimar Republic, or the impact of birth control clinics on fertility and mortality in the early 20th century. The Chair is involved in two major degree programmes: B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics, and M.Sc. International Economics and Business. The team of the Chair of Public Economics currently consists of two doctoral students, one resident and one non-resident postdoctoral researcher, several student assistants, one secretary, and one professor. The Chair closely collaborates in particular with other Economics Chairs at the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems that undertake economic research for example in development economics, international economics and trade as well as the economics of institutions, governance and corruption.

What we offer

Positions are available for **three** years (with the option of renewal), starting October 2022, and are remunerated with an internationally competitive salary (75%–100% FTE, TV-L 13) with social security and healthcare contributions. The RTG is generously funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG; <https://www.dfg.de/en/>). Doctoral researchers are closely mentored by at least two professors and receive a tailored, interdisciplinary training programme, including a three-month research stay abroad to promote internationally competitive top-level research around the phenomenon of digital platform ecosystems. The research programme is fully funded, including office space, equipment, research expenses and travel grants.

What you provide

We are looking for aspiring early career researchers with a strong interest in and an openness to working in an interdisciplinary group and conducting research at an internationally competitive level. At the time of hiring, applicants must have completed a university master's degree in Economics or be near completion. The position requires strong quantitative skills and the ability to handle and manage large and complex micro data sets. Candidates should be flexible team workers with good planning and organisational skills, an interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and an excellent command of English.

How to apply

The University of Passau aims to balance the diversity of employees. We encourage female applicants to apply for these positions. The positions are suitable for people with disabilities. Registered disabled applicants 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. This position may be available part-time, provided a suitable number of candidates are willing to work on a work-share basis.

To apply, please send your full application (including motivation letter and school, training and work certificates) as a single pdf file to dpe@uni-passau.de. Application details can be found at: www.dpe.uni-passau.de/en/application. You can apply at any time, as we will be accepting applications until the position is filled. We will start reviewing received applications on **31 July 2022**. If you have any further questions, please contact Professor Stefan Bauernschuster (stefan.bauernschuster@uni-passau.de).

Emailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.

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