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Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent*in Position (20-25%)

The research group "Political Behavior and Digital Media" (Prof. Karsten Donnay) in the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (http://www.ipz.uzh.ch) invites applications for a Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent*in (20-25%) starting January 1, 2025. Research in the group substantively focuses on the role of new digital media channels for political behavior. The group's second main research interest is in the area of computational social science more broadly.

Responsibilities

The position supports ongoing research in the group related to a variety of substantive research topics in the area of political behavior online. This includes projects on strategic political online communication by international actors but also work on detecting harmful speech online and potential mitigation strategies as well as other ongoing smaller projects in the team around political behavior and computational social science.

Level of employment

20-25%

Qualifications

The position is particularly suitable for third-year BA or first-year MA students with a strong quantitative interest and, ideally, prior experience working with more advanced quantitative or computational methods. More generally, the position is a starting point for all of those students, who would like to get hands-on experience in academic research projects.

Applicants for this position should meet the following requirements
- Enrolled in a political science degree program
- Good overall study performance
- Excellent statistical skills and experience working with R/RStudio
- High degree of self-motivation and excellent work ethics
- Knowledge of Python, JavaScript etc. is an asset

Language requirements

English and German.

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We offer

- Working in interesting, cutting-edge projects together with an interdisciplinary team of researchers from the social and computer sciences
- First experience working in an academic research project
- A work space at the institute in the common pool of desks reserved for student assistants at the IPZ

Starting date

The starting date for the position is **January 1, 2025,** or later by agreement.

Further information

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your application via the institute's job portal. Please include your motivation letter, CV, proof of academic performance and a seminar / research paper or your BA thesis as a single PDF. The application can be found here: www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2025-RA-Donnay

Closing date for applications

Review of applications will begin on **November 15, 2024,** and continue until the position is filled. Interviews will likely take place already in the second half of November (and can be done virtually, if need be).