



The center for **Adaptive Rationality** directed by Ralph Hertwig at the Max Planck Institute for **Human Development** is seeking applicants for a position as

## Student Research Assistant

to assist ongoing research in all phases of the scientific process. The research assistant will be employed on a basis of 50-80h a month. Position lasts for 6 months minimum and can be prolonged up to 2 years given mutual interest. Anticipated start date is February 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### Requirements

- Enrolled in psychology, communication science, informatics, meteorology, or related subjects
- Enrollment at a university within Germany
- High flexibility and commitment
- Good level of English and German
- Very high achievement level
- Interest in research on risk communication and decision making in the context of severe weather events (see <http://www.geo.fu-berlin.de/met/wexicom/index.html>)

### Desired Qualifications (not all need to apply)

- Experience in scientific literature search
- Experience in conducting experiments or surveys
- Good skills in statistics and statistical software packages (e.g. R, Matlab)
- Web programming skills for programming experiments (e.g. HTML(5), PHP, JavaScript, CSS, MySQL, Ajax, JQuery)
- Additional experience in analyzing online data / large data sets (e.g. elastic search, ...)

### What we offer

The research center for Adaptive Rationality is investigating various aspects of judgment and decision making. We offer you the chance to participate in an interdisciplinary research project on *Risk communication of severe weather events and its effect on decisions making*, using behavioral, computational, as well as survey methods. Because you will be involved in the design, programming and analysis of studies, a longer cooperation on the project for up to 2 years is desirable (given mutual interest). The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply. The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

Please email your application including (a) CV, (b) school and further certificates, references, as well as (c) a short motivation letter (everything as one single pdf-document) until January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to

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