

Research Assistant (PhD student), 60%

We are looking for a prospective PhD candidate with a strong empirical background and an interest in the economics of innovation and digitization, broadly defined.

About the position

The successful candidate will become a part of the department of Business Administration of the University of Zurich, a leading research-oriented and international university that provides a stimulating, dynamic, and collegial working environment. In particular, the successful candidate will:

- Develop and conduct empirical research on a topic within the field of the economics of innovation and digitization in order to successfully complete their PhD at the Graduate School of Business of the University of Zurich.
- Assist with research projects related to the economics of innovation and digitization.
- Assist in teaching activities and/or in the supervision of Bachelor and Master's theses.

Required profile

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications:

- Completed Master's degree in business, economics, econometrics, or related quantitative field of study, at the start of employment.
- Strong interest in empirical research in general, but also related to the economics of innovation and digitization.
- Background in econometrics and quantitative research methods, including hands-on experience with statistical software (e.g., R, Stata).
- Experience in web scraping, databases, and data science tools (e.g., Python, SQL).
- Ability to work both independently and in a team, with good organizational and communication skills. Strong command of English, written and spoken. German is not required.

What we offer

- The opportunity to work on cutting-edge research projects.
- Interesting work as part of a dynamic team in a friendly working environment.
- The possibility to interact with internationally renowned scientists.
- A highly competitive salary in accordance with the salary guidelines/scale of the canton of Zurich. A travel budget to present your work at international conferences.

How to apply

To be considered for this position, qualified applicants are requested to enclose the following documents in a single PDF when sending their application:

- Motivation letter, including a brief statement of interests and ideas for research (maximum of two pages).
- Current CV, including the name and the contact details of at least two references.
- Academic transcripts.
- Master's thesis or other research-oriented output, if available.

The documents should be sent with the subject line "PhD candidate Prof. Kaiser" at the following email address: entrepreneurship@business.uzh.ch. The deadline to apply is **April 15th, 2024**.

Start of employment: **September 1st, 2024** or by arrangement.