

The Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE – Sustainable Architecture for Finance in Europe – (<http://www.safe-frankfurt.de>) in Frankfurt promotes high-quality research and independent policy advice on all aspects dealing with the structure and functioning of the financial system. It is committed to contributing to the strengthening of a sustainable and resilient financial architecture that promotes innovation and serves the needs of the economy and its citizens. Researchers from the fields of economics, law, and political science collaborate at SAFE.

SAFE is seeking to fill several positions as

Student Assistant (f/m/d) in the Research Data Center

Your Tasks

Your tasks depend on the project you will be working on. **There are three different types of positions.**

In Project 1 “German historical financial database,” you will be involved in our historical research projects and will contribute to building a unique firm-level financial database from historical sources (e.g., Handbuch der Deutschen Aktiengesellschaft, Kursblatt der Berliner Börsen-Zeitung). You will support our project team, for example, in the data cleaning and validation process or in the generation of training data. On this job, you will have the opportunity to acquire or improve your programming skills and deepen your knowledge of data management. Moreover, you will gain insights in empirical research in economics and finance.

In Project 2 “German text-based manager sentiment index,” you will join SAFE's team creating a text-based manager sentiment index for Germany. SAFE seeks to replicate and extend the [Jiang et al. \(2019\)](#) U.S. manager index for Germany using the texts of annual and quarterly financial reports and earnings conference calls. Your responsibilities will include assisting in the collection and pre-processing of the (text) data and supporting empirical analyses. This project offers the opportunity to acquire/improve your programming skills, to deepen your knowledge of data management, and to follow a project from the very beginning until completion (expected within 6 months).

Position 3 “Support of research projects:” In contrast to the two aforementioned positions, this position is not assigned to a specific project. Instead, you will work with the researchers at the SAFE Research Data Center on their ongoing projects. Tasks include, for example, assisting with data collection, and processing, the merging of data sets, performing empirical analyses, conducting literature reviews, and proofreading papers. This project offers the opportunity to improve your skills in conducting empirical analyses and your knowledge in finance and economics, and to gain insights into the research conducted at SAFE.

Your Profile

Profile for projects 1 “German historical financial database” and 2 “German text-based manager sentiment index:”

- Student of accounting, computer science, economics, finance, management, or a related discipline.
- High personal motivation and good self-management.
- German language skills are helpful (for Project 1 “very helpful”) but are not required.
- Candidates should work independently and are eager to learn.
- Programming skills are welcome (for Project 2 “very welcome”), but are not required.

Profile for position 3 “Research project support:”

- Student of accounting, computer science, economics, finance, management, or a related discipline.

- High personal motivation and good self-management.
- Candidates should work independently and are eager to learn.
- Good English skills. German language skills are not needed.
- Previous experience with an empirical project or empirical research (e.g., bachelor or seminar thesis) is a plus but not required. Programming skills are also very welcome, but are neither required.

We offer

The infrastructure of a modern research center with excellent contacts to the scientific and financial community. You will be working with an enthusiastic team of colleagues in the House of Finance at Goethe University. Remote work is possible. The position is for **6 months** (with the option of extension) with **20 to 40 working hours per month**, working hours are negotiable. To gain additional insights in the research conducted at SAFE, you can join the weekly SAFE brown bag seminar in which Ph.D. students, postdocs, and faculty present their (early stage) research.

SAFE seeks to increase the share of women in research and thus strongly encourages female students to apply. We are also committed to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities and therefore invite them in particular to apply.

Your application: Please submit your application, together with the usual credentials (CV, letter of motivation, transcripts etc.), by mail to Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE, House of Finance, Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 3, 60323 Frankfurt am Main, Germany or electronically by email to applications@safe-frankfurt.de by adding **APPLICATION Student Assistant Data Center** in the subject line of your email. Please indicate to which position(s) you are applying to.

Deadline for the submission is **23 March 2023**.

If you have any questions about project 1, please contact Dennis Gram (gram@safe-frankfurt.de). For questions about positions 2 and/or 3, please contact Prof. Dr. Alexander Hillert (hillert@safe-frankfurt.de).