

The Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE – Sustainable Architecture for Finance in Europe – ([www.safe-frankfurt.de](http://www.safe-frankfurt.de)) in Frankfurt promotes scientific research, transfer work to the public and independent policy advice on all aspects relating to the structure and functioning of the financial system. It aims to contribute to strengthening a sustainable and resilient financial system that drives innovation and serves the needs of the economy and citizens. Researchers from the fields of economics, law, and political science collaborate at SAFE.

**SAFE** is seeking to fill the position of a

**Research Assistant/Doctoral Student (f/m/d)  
for its PhD program in Finance in cooperation with the GSEFM  
(up to 70% position, salary group E13 TV-H)**

starting at the earliest possible date. The position is meant to fill a vacancy in the 3rd year of the program. Therefore, students in the third year of the GSEFM program in Finance and those in the GSEFM program in Economics who passed the courses in Financial Economics are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Your Profile**

- You are a student of the Graduate School of Finance, Economics, and Management in the above-mentioned programs.
- You have successfully passed the preliminary exams and course program.
- You have already started (a) first research project(s) and have a strong motivation to conduct high-quality research.
- Very good English language skills are required.
- Candidates should work independently, be intellectually curious and willing to familiarize themselves with new topics and methods.

**We offer**

working in an inspiring environment of an inter- and cross disciplinary research institution dedicated to excellent research output and research-based policy advice. Topical areas include financial intermediation, financial markets, household finance, behavioral finance, sustainable finance, macro finance, and law and finance. SAFE pursues a “pool concept” for its PhD students: while these are expected to choose a supervisor from among the SAFE professors, they are encouraged to interact and write papers with any other SAFE researchers, thus benefitting from different thematic perspectives and methodological approaches. SAFE PhD students have access to the entire SAFE infrastructure, including a wide range of research data, a high-performance computing cluster, funds for research experiments, conference travel and research stays, regular workshops, trainings, etc.

Compensation in the 3rd year of the program will be **70% of a full-time position** in accordance with the standards of the public services wage agreement of the State of Hesse (TV-H E 13); students in the second year will be offered a two-step contract with 50% during the time of the course work and an upgrade to 70% as of the 3rd year. The employment contract has an initial duration **until 30 September 2027** with the opportunity of an extension based on performance.

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

**Interested? We look forward to receiving 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](mailto:applications@safe-frankfurt.de) by adding **APPLICATION 26-06 Research Assistant/Doctoral Student PhD program in Finance** in the subject line of your email.

**Deadline for the submission is 25 May 2026.**

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