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*(65% Position)*

**We are looking for**

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**Your Profile**

- Master level degree in Economics, Business Administration, Finance, or equivalent
- Excellent performance in your field of study
- You are enrolled in a PhD program, passed successfully the first stages of the program and are ready for output-oriented research
- Very good skills in Panel Data Econometrics, empirical research and structural estimation. Knowledge in simulation, optimization, and numerical methods.
- Advanced programming skills in Stata and Matlab and willingness to learn new software
- Fluency in English and good knowledge of the German language

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**Deadline** for the submission is **February 20, 2020**.

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