



The Institute of Economics and Law at the University of Stuttgart is looking for a

Student Researcher/Lab Assistant (m/f/d)

(multiple positions, up to 40 hours per month, initially limited to six months with possibility of extension)

Tasks: Supporting several research projects and the work of the new **Political Economy of Global Development Lab** at the University of Stuttgart (Profs Bluhm and Fehr).

The successful candidates will support cutting-edge empirical research of the lab members. At the lab, we study issues relevant to economic policy using modern quantitative methods, machine learning, experiments, and theory. We work on a range of cross-cutting questions, including redistribution, individual decision-making and policymaking, and all aspects of economic development. You will support new and ongoing projects with partners from Europe, the US, and Asia. For this call, we are seeking research assistants with initial data analysis skills (R or Stata) and a willingness to learn new tools. We are looking for **two distinct profiles**: A) one student to support general research and data analysis tasks, and B) one student with expertise in GIS or Computer Science to support projects using geospatial or unstructured data and machine learning. The tasks can be completed remotely by students based at any German university. However, we will give preference to students from universities close by (e.g., Stuttgart/Hohenheim, Heidelberg, Mannheim) to facilitate occasional in-person meetings.

Requirements:

- Enrolled (Bachelor or Master) student with a background in Economics or other Social Sciences, Computer Sciences, Geography, or related fields
- Good or very good grades
- Fluency in English is required
- Interest in empirical economics, development, and political economy (all broadly defined)
- Ability to work independently and perform his/her tasks accurately and in a structured way
- Team spirit and flexibility
- Knowledge of statistical software packages (R or Stata or Python)

What we offer:

- Insights into cutting-edge research in development economics, political economy and urban economics
- Flexible working hours and an international environment with project partners from around the world
- Transferable skills (e.g., web scraping, geospatial analysis, computer vision, natural language processing)
- Training in AI skills (for coding, writing, analysis, and more).
- Office space downtown, which may be used as a learning space

Further information:

- The start date is negotiable (December 1, 2025, would be ideal).
- German language skills are **not** required.

Please send your application to Claudia Feucht (sekretariat@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de). For questions, please write to Richard Bluhm (richard.bluhm@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de) and Dietmar Fehr (dietmar.fehr@ivr.uni-stuttgart.de). Your application should include your CV, cover letter, transcript of records, and—if available—your Bachelor certificate, and a writing sample (thesis or seminar paper) in electronic form (a **single PDF file**). The **application deadline is November 10th 2025 and we expect to hold interviews shortly after.**

For further questions, please **do not hesitate** to contact us via email.