The Collaborative Research Center “Political Economy of Reforms” (SFB 884) is seeking a

**Student Assistant**

*(60h/month, Bachelor’s or Master’s student)*

to support the interdisciplinary research project C1 “Legislative reforms and party competition” led by Prof. Dr. Thomas König and supported by the project’s team.

**Who we are:**
The Collaborative Research Center 884 is an interdisciplinary institute funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). More than 60 international researchers from political science, economics, sociology, and computer science conduct research for 18 unique projects. Project C1 explores the effects of party competition and coalition policy-making on the initiation of policy reforms from a comparative perspective.

**Tasks and responsibilities:**

- Data gathering, organization, and cleaning (data wrangling)
- Administration of data, process flows, and documentation
- Statistical analysis and generation of graphical results
- Research-related tasks (e.g., investigate and offer comments on literature relevant to the research topic)
- Working hours are flexible, but must be available to work 15 hours per week

**Qualifications:**

- Student must be enrolled in the University of Mannheim during his/her student assistance
- Students studying in the fields of political science and/or economics preferred
- Minimum of two successfully-completed semesters of undergraduate or graduate studies
- Proficiency in written and spoken German and English
- Interest and experience in quantitative data and statistical analysis
- Experience and working knowledge of R, Stata, Latex, and MS-Office applications
- Keen interest in the fields of political science, comparative politics, and political institutions
- Organization and communication skills

This an invaluable opportunity to actively participate in a dynamic research project. We offer 10,01 €/hour for Bachelor’s students and 11,64 €/hour for Master’s students.

If interested, please submit a short cover letter (300-500 words), your CV, and your academic transcript (applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis) to:

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or

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The starting date for the position will be September 1, 2019.

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