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Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

Postdoctoral Researcher in Applied Economics (f/m/x)

Department of Economics

We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The position is based in the Department of Economics within the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences, which is consistently ranked among the top schools in research and teaching.
The department is associated with the DFG-funded Cluster of Excellence 'ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy' (jointly with the University of Bonn).

YOUR TASKS

- Contribute to the research and teaching of the Department of Economics.

YOUR PROFILE

- A doctoral degree in economics or a related quantitative field, completed by the start date and no more than four years old (extended for periods of care).
- We welcome candidates with an interest in applied economics. This includes, but is not limited to, market design, industrial organization, international trade, labour, and development.
- The potential for publishing in top-ranked international journals

WE OFFER

- Mentoring by senior faculty members
- A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- Support in balancing work and family life
- Extensive advanced training opportunities
- Flexible working time models

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 October 2027 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). An earlier start date can be negotiated. It is limited for 36 months with the possibility of a 12-month extension. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without photo under: https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de. The reference number is Wiss2611-17. The application deadline is 10 December 2026.

Applications will be reviewed starting December 1, 2026, until the positions are filled. Interview invitations will be sent out starting in early December and the first round of interviews will take place online December 14 to 17.

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Dr Alexander Westkamp (westkamp@wiso.uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our FAQs.

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