



WIFO is the leading institute for applied empirical economic research in Austria with a strong involvement in projects at the European level. The institute is independent of politics and business in its scientific activities and a non-profit organisation. WIFO's mission is to build a bridge between basic academic research and economic policy in order to contribute to tackling socio-economic challenges and to create sound foundations for decisions in business and society which require economic information. At the core of WIFO's bridging function are empirical analyses prepared with scientific diligence and integrity.

## WIFO is looking for a

### Scientific Project Staff, Prae-Doc (m/f/d, 30hrs/week)

for the research group **Industrial, Innovation and International Economics** within the framework of the Research Centre International Economics (FIW) a third party funded Prae-Doc position in the field of "International Economics".

#### Main Responsibilities

- Completion of a doctoral program and writing of a dissertation in the field of 'International Economics' at University of Economics Vienna with content and methodological embedding in the research activities of WIFO
- Participation in the activities of 'Research Centre International Economics' (FIW)
- Independent, applied empirical economic research
- Active participation in the research activities of WIFO and the FIW research focus

#### General Requirements

- Completed diploma or master's degree in social and economic sciences with a focus on economics or a comparable degree program
- Knowledge of economic theory and a documented interest in theoretically based empirical work
- Very good methodological skills (data science, mathematics, statistics, econometrics)
- Experience with relevant software (e.g. R, Eviews, Stata, Matlab, LaTeX)
- Ability to work independently in a scientific manner
- Excellent English skills (written and spoken)
- Team communication skills
- Interest in or initial experience in modelling trade models is an advantage

#### What to Expect

- Insights into methods, data infrastructure, and research at WIFO
- Scientific publication opportunities (e.g., co-authorship)
- Open and constructive exchange with colleagues and associates of WIFO and FIW
- Career mentoring by the FIW-Research Network
- Supervision of the dissertation thesis by Prof. Gabriel Felbermayr and/or Prof. Harald Oberhofer
- Collegial atmosphere, flat hierarchies, and social networking opportunities at WIFO.

The position is a project-funded part-time job with 30 hours per week, limited to 48 months from the start date. The salary corresponds to the FWF rate for doctoral candidates, currently €2,786.10 gross per month (for 30 hours per week, 14 times a year). We offer additional benefits such as a public transport ticket, discounted lunch, supplementary health insurance, and more. Flexible working hours, including the option to work from home, support the balance of family and career. The desired start date is September 1, 2025. If interested, please send your application with all documents (cover letter, CV) by July 6, 2025, via email to Ms. Birgit Novotny at [personal@wifo.ac.at](mailto:personal@wifo.ac.at). For questions related to your application, Mr. Harald Oberhofer is available at [harald.oberhofer@wifo.ac.at](mailto:harald.oberhofer@wifo.ac.at). WIFO aims to increase the proportion of women and therefore strongly encourages women to apply. In the case of equal qualifications, the position will be awarded to the female applicant.