Student assistant position in Information Science (m/f/d)

15,20€/hour TV-L Brandenburg (without a Bachelor's degree 13,98 €)
10-15 weekly working hours
Potsdam, with optimal connections to Berlin
Start: 15.01.2027 at least 12 months with possibility for extension
Flexibility: up to 50 % remote work
Appointment is conditional on approval by the funding agency.

The mission of the GOV4CARE project is to provide European health care systems with the conceptual frameworks, comparative evidence and decision-support tools needed to realise a climate-smart and systemically sustainable future of health care.

Key responsibilities:

- **Research Data Management:** Supporting project-wide Research Data Management (RDM), including the creation of tailored Data Management Plan (DMP) templates, metadata schemas, and the promotion of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) data principles
- **Methodology Standardization:** Assisting in the development of structured protocols, guidance documents, and standardized templates for identifying, documenting, and communicating uncertainty across project data, methods, and scenarios
- **Data Mapping:** Helping map and systematically compare datasets, databases, and methodologies used for environmental impact assessment in healthcare across international project partners (e.g., Input–Output models and Life Cycle Assessment)
- **Harmonization:** Helping align terminology, metadata, assumptions, and reporting practices to improve data interoperability and governance across diverse partner institutions
- **Metadata Management:** Organizing, harmonizing, and maintaining project metadata and preparing background documentation for consortium meetings

Requirements:

- **Educational Qualifications (B.Sc. or M.Sc. student, enrolled at a German university):** Studies in Information Science / Library and Information Science, Data Science, Environmental Sciences, Statistics, or a related quantitative field
- **Skills in Research Data Management:** Strong interest in or familiarity with Research Data Management (RDM), digital curation, metadata standards, and FAIR data principles

- **Familiarity with concepts of data quality:** uncertainty quantification, sensitivity analysis, or statistical data documentation
- **Analytical Thinking:** High attention to detail and structured thinking to help develop standardized data stewardship protocols to a large, multi-partner European project
- **Initiative:** Strong motivation to contribute to Open Science, data governance, and transparent data infrastructure in healthcare sustainability research
- **Communication:** Very good written and spoken English skills for drafting guidance documents and communicating with international consortium partners (German language skills are an asset)

We offer:

- **Collective bargaining benefits:** compensation in accordance with the TdL and subsidized travel card or Deutschland-Ticket Job
- **Flexible work environment:** Take advantage of flexible working hours and the option to work remotely (up to 50 % of your working hours)
- **Family-friendly benefits:** Take adavantage of the company KITA/kids day nursery “Geolino” directly in the science park on Telegrafenberg, within walking distance of PIK. PIK actively supports a smooth return to work after parental leave.
- **Location:** Your workplace is located on the historic Telegrafenberg in Potsdam, with good transportation links to Berlin
- **Networking opportunities:** Collaboration with PIK’s national and international network of leading climate and economic research institutes
- **Free of charge:** Charging stations for e-bikes on the Telegrafenberg campus
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About us:

The climate needs bright minds. The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) addresses crucial scientific questions in the fields of global change, climate impacts and sustainable development. It is one of the world's leading research institutions in its field and offers natural and social scientists from around the world an inspiring environment for excellent interdisciplinary research.

Equal opportunity is important to us: We value diversity and welcome all applications – regardless of background, age, gender, identity, religion, disability or lifestyle. Please feel free to submit your application without a photo. PIK is committed to increasing the representation of women in science and therefore strongly encourages women to apply.

How to apply:

If you have any questions about this position, please contact Paul Pichler, Deputy Lead Future Lab.

We look forward to receiving your complete application via the application form on our website.
If you hold a foreign degree, please include the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) degree evaluation (which may be submitted later if your application is successful). For more information: https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education.html

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Application deadline: 22.11.2026

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