Call for Applications

Graduate Program “Regional Disparities & Economic Policy”
(funded by the German Research Foundation)

The causes and consequences of regional disparities are subject to a lively debate both in academia and in public. The University of Duisburg-Essen, the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the Technical University Dortmund run the joint graduate program “Regional Disparities and Economic Policy”, which is funded by the German Research Foundation and started in 2019.

The overarching goal of the research training group (RTG) is to provide an outstanding education for doctoral students in its research area while at the same time contributing to frontier research in its field. Combining the expertise of scholars from different economic backgrounds (e.g. labor, public, macro, health) and thus different methodological skills, institutional knowledge, and data access, establishes a research training group that promises internationally visible scientific output and an excellent academic training environment for doctoral candidates. The RTG therefore approaches the topics from different topical and methodological angles.

We offer at least 4 fully-funded doctoral research positions (75%, TV-L E13, 3 years with the possibility of continuation funding) for the second cohort of students to enter in October 2020.

What we offer:

- A tailor-made qualification program, enabling high-quality PhD dissertations in three years, including targeted course-work, funding for (international) research stays, conference and summer school participation, as well as an excellent supervision environment and job market support.
- A unique research environment and infrastructure in the dynamic Ruhr Valley Region in Germany, with eight principal investigators at four Economics departments, an extensive network of local and international expertise that is regularly tied in to the qualification and research program.
- Family friendly environment geared to promote equal opportunity and diversity. International applicants are highly welcome! The program is entirely in English and we support accepted international students in obtaining visa, housing, etc.

What we expect from successful candidates:

- Master’s degree by October 2020 in Economics or a related field (e.g. Mathematics, Statistics). A strong background in Economics at the advanced Master’s level is desired, but can to some extend be compensated by a strong background in mathematics or statistics.
- Advanced skills in econometrics as well as experience in programming and in dealing with large data sets is advantageous.
- Research interests in the field of regional disparities and a strong passion for research.
Application Manual

The application deadline is **15 April 2020 (extended deadline)**, with all documents to be sent preferably via email to Prof. Dr. Tobias Seidel contact@regional-disparities.de. Please see the detailed application requirements and manual in the following form: APPLICATION FORM. There is no application fee.

In addition to this form and merged documents specified therein, a complete application requires two letters of recommendation from university professors / instructors, to be sent directly to contact@regional-disparities.de by these referees, using the following form: RECOMMENDATION FORM.

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