



Research Assistant and Doctoral Candidate (f/m/x)

CFR Junior Professorship for Investments



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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 CFR Junior Professorship for Investments has a vacancy for a research assistant (f/m/x) with the desire to pursue a doctoral degree in Finance. The position is initially limited for two years but with the intention of a two-year extension.

YOUR TASKS

- » Research, including participation in and independent advancement of empirical research projects in the areas of asset pricing, monetary policy, and market microstructure.
- » Teaching, including independent teaching of seminars for the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences.
- » The opportunity for academic qualification (doctorate) in the above mentioned finance areas is given and expected.

YOUR PROFILE

- » Master's degree in finance, economics, or business administration (or comparable programmes) (with distinction).
- » Interest in and potentially experience with current finance research (e.g., asset pricing, international finance etc.).
- » Willingness to design and deliver seminars, tutorials and supervise theses.
- » Strong interest in empirical research; knowledge of quantitative empirical methods and data analysis (e.g., Matlab) is highly desirable. Knowledge of text recognition programmes would be a plus.
- » Knowledge of common finance databases (e.g., WRDS Morningstar) would be a plus.
- » Very good written and spoken English skills.

WE OFFER

- » High-quality academic training in a cooperative and efficient team
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models
- » Opportunity to work remotely

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 April 2025 on a part-time basis (29,87 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 30 April 2027 with the intention of a two-year extension. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary will be 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 a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2502-07. The application deadline is 7 March 2025.

For further inquiries, please contact Junior Professor Dr Benedikt Ballensiefen (benedikt.ballensiefen@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).