

## **Max Planck Institute for Human Development - Center for Adaptive Rationality**



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Der Forschungsbereich für Adaptive Rationalität (ARC) vereint eine interdisziplinäre, internationale Forschergruppe, die sich aus Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftlern der Psychologie, Neurowissenschaften, Ökonomie, Philosophie, Biologie und Mathematik zusammensetzt. Wir untersuchen, wie Menschen und andere Lebewesen – ausgestattet mit begrenzten kognitiven Ressourcen – in der Welt und im Gedächtnis nach Informationen suchen und wie sie Entscheidungen treffen, wenn wenig Zeit für sorgfältiges Nachdenken bleibt.

### **Student Research Assistant**

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City: Berlin; Starting Date: 01/02/25; Duration: 6 months; Remuneration: The remuneration without a Bachelor's degree is 12,41 €/h, in the Master's degree 14,33€/h; Closing date: 29/11/24

### **Working field**

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### **Requirements**

- Enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's program at a German university (sociology, gender studies, media and communication studies, political science, information science, cognitive science, psychology or related field).
- Strong personal motivation, commitment and ability to work independently
- Excellent English proficiency. German or other languages are a plus

- Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills
- Strong academic interest in decision-making processes
- Familiarity with qualitative and/or quantitative data analysis techniques

### **What We Offer**

- The opportunity to join an international and interdisciplinary research group at the Center for Adaptive Rationality.
- The chance to work with a research team investigating transformative decision making processes and potentially write a Bachelor's or Master's thesis on the topic.

### **Application**

Please send your application by 29 November 2024 electronically to Mika Toyota (**toyota@mpib-berlin.mpg.de**) using the subject line "RA for HDM at ARC". Your application should include the following documents in a single PDF document:

- (1) A short motivation letter, outlining your research interest and why you think you are suitable for this position
- (2) A copy of your Curriculum Vitae without a photo
- (3) A copy of relevant school/university certificates
- (4) If available, evidence of academic achievement

The Max Planck Society strives for gender and diversity equality. We welcome applications from all backgrounds. The Max Planck Society is further committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such individuals.

Weitere Informationen unter <https://stellenticket.de/188956/>  
Angebot sichtbar bis 29.11.2024

