Open position as Research Assistant during Summer Break

We are looking for a highly motivated Research Assistant with strong quantitative skills for our project on *Intergenerational Mobility in Switzerland: Evidence from large administrative Datasets*. In this empirical project, we combine multiple large administrative data sets to study several dimensions of intergenerational mobility, including income, wealth, educational and occupational mobility. This fixed-term position provides a unique opportunity to contribute to a large empirical research project and learn about the academic research process.

Your main task will consist in preparing and cleaning large-scale administrative data using the programming language Stata. In addition, you will contribute to the project by reviewing the literature, and by searching further data sources on municipality level as needed.

Your Profile:

- Currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Economics or related field
- Interest in the topic of intergenerational mobility
- Strong analytical skills and a quantitative background
- Experience in programming with Stata, motivation to further improve on programming skills
- Experience in empirical (economic) research (e.g., Bachelor thesis, seminar papers)
- Interest in understanding the Swiss institutional setting regarding social security, pension, and tax systems
- Precise and organized working style
- Language requirements: fluent in English, confident in German or French
- Interest in future doctoral-level studies is an asset
- Swiss residence permit

What we offer:

- Flexible working conditions
- Ability to work 60-80% during summer break (June-August 2020)
- Attractive salary (class 12, employed at the Canton of Bern)
- Possibility to write a Master thesis within the project during Fall 2020
This is a joint research project with the KOF Economic Institute at ETH Zurich, led by Dr. Isabel Martínez (KOF) and Preetha Kalambaden (University of Bern). Place of work will be Bern.

Please send your CV, your current transcript of grades, copies of your degrees and writing samples of empirical work (e.g. Bachelor thesis, seminar papers) along with a Cover Letter to: Preetha.kalambaden@vwi.unibe.ch.

Application deadline is April 18, 2020.