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Student Assistant for Survey Methods Project in Zambia

The Chair of Econometrics at the University of Mannheim is looking for a student assistant to provide support on a survey methods project with survey data from Zambia. The research project aims to analyse interactions between interviewer and respondents and study potential motivations and explanations for providing nonvalid and/or inaccurate survey responses. The student assistant is needed to code interviewer-respondent interactions. These are available through transcripts of interviews conducted in a survey Zambia which were translated into English.

Your tasks would include:

- Coding respondent-interaction data from Zambia
- Data management of self-created data set

Your profile

You are a student (preferably in a Bachelor programme) of Social Sciences with an interest in quantitative methods and survey methods. Having worked in former positions in which you could prove your diligence and attention to detail is a plus. Solid English skills are essential. First-year Bachelor students are encouraged to apply, as well as any student who would like to learn more about survey methodology and data quality in developing countries. It is possible to use the data generated within this research project for writing a thesis in 2021.

Through your curricular and extra-curricular activities, you are able to show strong organizational and planning skills. You feel comfortable with working independently and know how to communicate with supervisors. The preferred period of assignment for this position is October 2020 to December 2020. On average, you are expected to commit at least 48h per month to the research project. Start and end date, as well as the monthly workload can be agreed on to fit both the project’s timeline and the student assistant’s availability. Please indicate your availability and potential scheduling conflicts in the letter of motivation.

You will work with an experienced survey methodologist in data collection in developing countries and gain hands-on experience in a research project in survey methods, as well as in data management and analysis.

We look forward to receiving your application, including a motivation letter, your CV, your Transcript of Records and certificates (if available) to linh.nguyen@uni-mannheim.de by 25 August 2020. The interviews will take place in the last week of August via Skype or Zoom.