

Research Assistant

to
Support research on mental load

Our Profile

Our research questions focus on behavioral and development economics. In particular, we are interested in mental well-being and differences between women and men. One potentially important but understudied factor, especially in economics, is mental load. Mental load describes the often hidden, cognitive efforts of organizing the private life.

We seek your assistance in extending our existing literature search with the aim of developing a research agenda that will result in a successful funding application.

Your tasks

Your task will be to support the research by Prof Dr Lisa Spantig. This will entail, but is not limited to the following

- Survey the literature in psychology and the related literature in economics to summarize the current conceptualizations of mental load.
- Think about measurement of mental load and propose how to overcome current challenges.
- Learn about experimental methods and how they can be applied to mental load.
- Collaborate on the development of research questions and research design.
- Learn about grant application processes and support the development of grant proposals.

Your Profile

- Strong interest in mental load and experimental methodology.
- High motivation, strong organizational skills, and ability to work independently.
- Fluency in English.
- Previous work experience, for example, as a research assistant, will be an asset.
- Enrolled in a higher education institution on the master's level, in a course related to Economics, Psychology, or Business, and right to work in Germany.

What we offer

- Be part of a new research agenda, contribute your own ideas and follow the research process from an early stage. This will be particularly exciting if you would like to gain hands-on research experience with a focus on project development.
- Part-time employment at RWTH Aachen University. Pay follows the official guidelines of the university. The weekly working hours can be agreed upon but should range between 8 and 16 per week. Work can be timed flexibly in each week.
- We seek to fill this position as soon as possible. The position will run until end of December 2023 and might be extended, subject to funding approval and performance.

Please send your application, consisting of a short letter of motivation, CV, current transcript, and any additional information you deem relevant, in one pdf-document to lisa.spantig@expecon.rwth-aachen.de We will review applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled. If the ad is online on [this website](#), the position is still open.