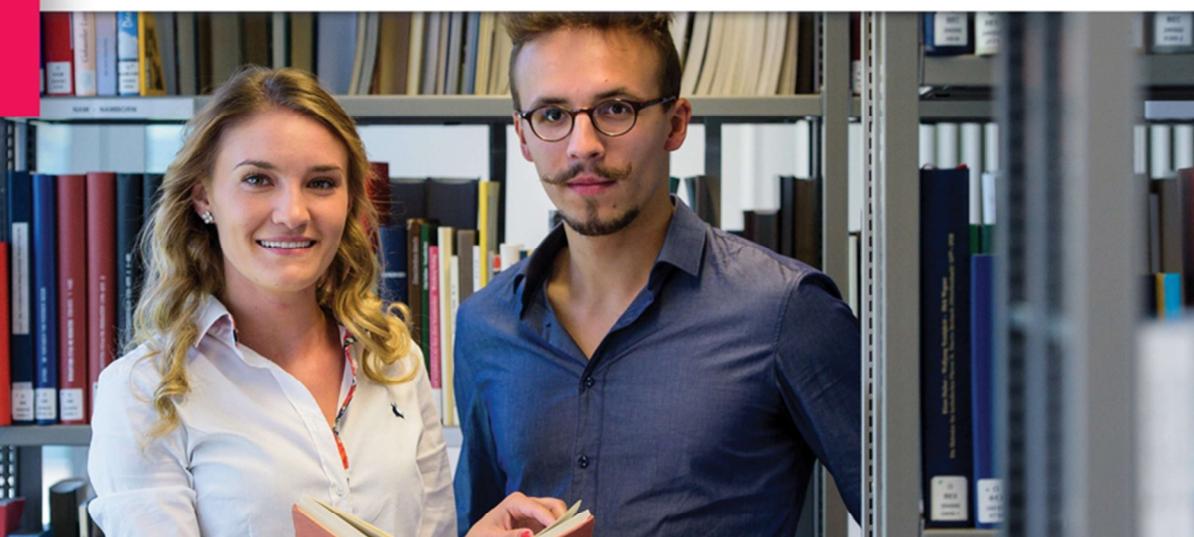Saarland University is a campus university that is internationally recognized for its strong research programmes. Fostering young academic talent and creating ideal conditions for teaching and research are a core part of the university's mission. As part of the University of the Greater Region, Saarland University enables students and staff to share and exchange knowledge and ideas between disciplines, between universities and across borders. With over 17,000 national and international students, studying more than a hundred different academic disciplines, Saarland University is a diverse and dynamic learning environment. [Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4,000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.

The Chair in Information and Service Systems is inviting applications for the following position commencing **at the earliest opportunity.**

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W2804, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale[1], pay grade: E13 TV-L, duration of employment: 2 years, volume of employment: 100 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

Chair in Information and Service Systems
Department of Human and Economic Sciences
Saarland University, Saarbrücken
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Job requirements and responsibilities:

Research Focus:
- Adaptive learning and regime detection in financial markets
- Reinforcement learning in stochastic and partially observable systems
- Stochastic differential equations and Lévy jump processes
- Integration of text-based causal signals into probabilistic models

Your academic qualifications:
- Completed scientific university studies in Mathematics, Mathematical Finance, Computer Science, or a related field (MSc degree)
- Language skills (according to GER): English C1

The successful candidate will also be expected to:
- Strong background in stochastic processes, probabilistic modeling or theory-grounded ML

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[1] TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German *Länder*

- Ability to work with formal models (not just pipelines)
- Strong programming skills

PhD & Research Environment:
- Explicit PhD track with close supervision
- Clear focus on publishable research – targeting top-AI conferences
- Small, selective research environment
- Access to real financial market data and modern infrastructure

What we can offer you:
- A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family, among other things the possibility of teleworking
- Secure and future-oriented employment with attractive conditions
- A broad range of further education and professional development programmes (for example language courses)
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If you have any **questions**, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
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Pay grade classification is based on the particular details of the position held and the extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of the pay grade within the TV-L salary scale. Part-time employment is generally possible.

If you have obtained a foreign university degree, a proof of the equivalence of this degree with a German degree by the Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB) is needed before hiring. If necessary, please apply for this in time. You can find more information at https://www.kmk.org/zeugnisbewertung.

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