

## Call for Applications: Student Assistant (m/f/d) Academic Freedom and Autocratization

### Work Description

The student assistant will contribute to the project "*Academic Freedom Index: An Innovative Resource for Research and for Protecting Freedom in the Academic Sector*", funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. This project contributes to one of the largest social science data collection projects on democracy in the world, the [V-Dem Project](#). In addition to updating our world-wide data on an annual basis, we investigate the determinants and consequences of changes in academic freedom, as well as states' tactics in capturing the academic space. Further information about the project can be found here: <https://academic-freedom-index.net/>. The student assistant may also help with additional research or teaching tasks, as required.

Under direct supervision of [Dr. Angelo Panaro](#) and with support by [Prof. Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach](#), the student assistant will be closely integrated into the team, gaining practical experience in political science research. The position will start in February 2025 (or as soon as possible thereafter) and requires five to six hours per week for an initial period of six months, with the possibility of extension.

### Your Responsibilities

- Conduct systematic literature review;
- Support data analysis and data preparation;
- Support the preparation of outreach activities;
- Assist with organizational tasks.

### Your Skills

- Knowledge of/ interest in empirical social science research methods;
- Expertise in quantitative methods and/or knowledge of the post-Soviet space is an asset;
- Very good English language skills; additional languages are an asset;
- Interest in academic freedom, human rights, and autocratization/democratization;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office; experience with Citavi, R/RStudio, or STATA is an asset;
- Attention to detail, good organizational skills and reliability.

### Our Offer

- Insight and experience working within an international research team;
- Collegial, collaborative and intellectually stimulating work environment;
- Workspace at the Institute of Political Science, Kochstr. 4;
- Compensation according to FAU's pay scale for student assistants (classification depends on qualifications, i.e. with or without a BA).

The application deadline is **December 10, 2024**. Please send your application documents (CV, cover letter, transcript of records, and any relevant certificates from previous employers) via email to Dr. Angelo Panaro ([angelo.panaro@fau.de](mailto:angelo.panaro@fau.de)). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him.