

The University of Klagenfurt, with approximately 1,500 employees and over 12,000 students, is located in the Alps-Adriatic region and consistently achieves excellent placements in rankings. The motto “per aspera ad astra” underscores our firm commitment to the pursuit of excellence in research, teaching and university management. The principles of equality, diversity, health, sustainability and compatibility of work and family life serve as the foundation for our work at the university.

The University of Klagenfurt is pleased to announce the following open position at the **Department of Economics (Quantitative Economics Division)** at the Faculty of Management, Economics & Law, to be filled at the earliest possible date, but not later than October 1, 2025:

**University assistant predoctoral (all genders welcome) (in German: Universitätsassistent:in)**

**Level of employment:** 100 % (40 hours/week)

**Minimum salary:** € 52,007.20 per annum (gross);  
classification according to collective bargaining agreement: B1

**Limited to:** 4 years

**Application deadline:** April 2, 2025

**Reference code:** 649-1/24

#### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

The Quantitative Economics Division is a research group within the Department of Economics that has a clear focus on high-quality research and is active in a variety of topics in economics, econometrics and quantitative economics. The position comprises the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Independent research with the aim of submitting a dissertation in economics, econometrics or quantitative economics and acquiring a doctoral degree
- Contribution to departmental research and teaching projects
- Independent teaching in German and in English and supervision of students
- Adequate participation in the administrative tasks and responsibilities of the department
- Participation in university committees, in university self-governance and in public relations activities of the department

#### **Prerequisites for the position:**

- Diploma or master's degree in economics or a related field (e.g., statistics, mathematics, econometrics or similar, including also related engineering programs, with a strong formal background) at a higher education institution
- Good academic record
- Good knowledge in at least one of the fields data analysis, quantitative economics, econometrics and/or statistics
- Some (preferably strong) experience in scientific programming (e.g., Python, R or MATLAB)
- Fluency in English (written and spoken)

#### **Desired qualifications:**

- First experiences in academic teaching and research
- First experiences in quantitative economics or similar fields
- Dedication to research in economics, econometrics or quantitative economics; preferably documented by first research results in, e.g., the master thesis or first publications
- Social and communication competences, interest in and ability to work in teams
- Strong motivation and output orientation
- Ability to work independently in (scientific) projects with a focus on high quality and precision
- Very good knowledge of German (level C1-C2)

### Our offer:

This position serves the purposes of the vocational and scientific education of graduates of diploma or master's degree programmes and sets the goal of completing a corresponding doctoral degree in economics, econometrics or quantitative economics. Applications by individuals who have already completed a subject-specific doctoral degree or a subject-relevant PhD programme therefore cannot be considered.

The employment contract is concluded for the position as university assistant (predoctoral) and stipulates a starting salary of at least € 3,714.80 gross per month for a full-time position (100 %) (14 times a year; previous experience deemed relevant to the job can be recognised in accordance with the [collective bargaining agreement](#)).

The University of Klagenfurt also offers:

- Personal and professional advanced training courses, management and career coaching
- Numerous attractive additional benefits, see also <https://jobs.aau.at/en/the-university-as-employer/>
- Diversity- and family-friendly university culture
- The opportunity to live and work in the attractive Alps-Adriatic region with a wide range of leisure activities in the spheres of culture, nature and sports

### The application:

If you are interested in this position, please apply in English providing the following documents:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae (with detailed information on your degrees including date/place/grade, the experience acquired, the thesis title, the list of publications if any, and any other relevant information)
- Copy of the degree certificates and transcripts of records with all courses and grades
- Any certificates that can prove the fulfilment of the required and additional qualifications listed above (e.g., the submission of the final thesis/dissertation if required by the degree programme, copy of publications, programming skills certificates, language skills certificates, list of further dissemination activities etc.)
- A conferred title (diploma / master's degree) is a necessary condition for employment. Proof has to be provided two weeks prior to the appointment at the latest, **but no later than September 17, 2025**.
- In case a diploma or master's degree certificate cannot be included in the application package, provide a written declaration of the supervisor on the expected date of completion of the study programme. Note that we plan to fill the position as soon as possible.

To apply, please select the position with the **reference code 649-1/24** in the category "Scientific Staff" using the link "Apply for this position" in the job portal at [jobs.aau.at/en/](https://jobs.aau.at/en/).

For further information on this specific vacancy, please contact Professor Martin Wagner ([martin.wagner@aau.at](mailto:martin.wagner@aau.at)) or Christina Kopetzky ([vw12@aau.at](mailto:vw12@aau.at)). Information about the university as an employer can be found at <https://jobs.aau.at/en/the-university-as-employer/>. At the University of Klagenfurt, recruitment and staff matters are accompanied not only by the authority responsible for the recruitment procedure but also by the [Equal Opportunities Working Group](#) and, if necessary, by the [Representative for Disabled Persons](#).

The University of Klagenfurt aims to increase the share of women and therefore specifically invites qualified women to apply for the position. At equal qualification levels, women will be given preferential consideration.

People with disabilities or chronic diseases, who fulfil the requirements, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Travel and accommodation costs incurred during the application process will not be refunded. Under exceptional circumstances online hearings may be possible.

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