The Chair of Management Accounting at the Institute of Management invites applications for the following position (limited to three years), starting at the 1st of October, 2015 of

PhD Student

You will conduct research on the interface of management accounting and innovation at KIT. The research will focus on the economic assessment of energy-related investment decisions, made by companies that are users of energy, such as in manufacturing, transportation, or farming. These energy-related investment decisions include all decisions that have a significant and long-term impact on a company’s usage and cost of energy. Because of its energy requirements, a company may also start producing energy and, if there’s something left, sell energy. Still, they are essentially energy users—not suppliers. By understanding how companies make these decisions and by providing methods for making these decisions in a better way, we can support the realization of public policy targets for investments in renewable energy. Decisions of individual economic actors make the Energiewende a reality—or not.

Field studies with startups and established firms in the region are also an important method to conduct the research. You will also be involved in developing and teaching new courses and seminars in management accounting.

Your profile:
- Excellent academic results, and a Diploma or Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering, Business Economics, or a related study program from a good university
- Good knowledge of topics in accounting, finance, marketing, and energy management
- Enthusiasm and professional attitude in interacting with students and with firms. Having practical experience working in a firm is an advantage.
- Reliable and independent worker, careful, good team player
- Very good German and English language skills

We offer:
- Interdisciplinary research projects, with firms and with academic colleagues from other disciplines
- Many degrees of freedom to formulate your research topics and select research methods
- Three-year contract, remuneration based on the Collective Agreement for the Public Service Sector
- Possibility to obtain a PhD degree

KIT desires to increase the proportion of its female employees and therefore welcomes female applicants. Severely handicapped individuals are given preference in case of equal qualification.

Please send your application before the 1st of September 2015 (only by email, and preferably as pdf files) to: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Prof. Dr. Marc Wouters, Lehrbereich für Controlling, Institut für Unternehmensführung, Email: marc.wouters@kit.edu If you would like to know more about the positions, please contact Prof. Wouters, Phone: +49(0)721/608-41580.

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