

20J016 Student assistant f/m/d

Title: Estimating the employment effects of the hydrogen economy, with a focus on electrolyser and fuel cell projects

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Context

Hydrogen and fuel cells are on the verge of becoming alternatives to traditional fuels and batteries, with detailed strategies for large-scale investments put forward by the German and French governments as well as the European Commission. Important questions arise from these investments, for example where the future industry will be located, which regions will benefit most and what parts of the hydrogen economy create the biggest employment effects.

The student will work with the hydrogen and the value creation teams, helping them understand the value creation, and especially employment, effects of hydrogen and fuel cell infrastructures in the context of a European market. This activity is part of an ongoing project, aiming at further developing a model for estimating the employment effects.

The assigned tasks involve

- Decomposition of fuel cell and hydrogen electrolyser value chains
- Definition of industry development scenarios
- Work on indirect and induced employment effects
- Improving and testing the methodology and its results
- Prototyping of an employment estimation tool

Required qualifications

- Student of economics or industrial engineering (or related fields)
- Knowledge of the hydrogen and fuel cell sector is a plus
- Fluent in English and German (French would also be an asset)
- MS Excel knowledge is a must, Python or other programming skills are an asset

Conditions

- Duration: 9 months, starting as soon as possible
- Working hours: 39,5 hours per month, exact hours depend on student's education level
- Remuneration: according to KIT rules; exact hourly rate depends on the student's education level
- Location: EIFER, Emmy-Noether-Str. 11, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany

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