

Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent:In Position 20 %

The Chair of the Anthropocene at the Department of History, University of Zurich invites applications for a Student Assistant / Hilfsassistent:in (20%) starting on August 1, 2024. The position is specifically meant to support, Prof. Debjani Bhattacharyya and her team with their research on “Climate History and Imperial Weather Knowledge in the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean from 1740-1860”.

Your responsibilities

The student assistant provides research support for the project, including online archival research on shipwrecks, insurance settlement cases settled in the British Empire between 1740 and 1860, support with preparing bibliography, editing footnotes, locating the necessary archives in the UK, Jamaica and Barbados and coordinating with archives for document delivery over email. In the event there are small workshops related to the project, you will also provide support on that. Every semester you will also create a poster for the doctoral colloquium, so necessary poster designing skills are welcome. While not necessary, GIS skills or knowing how to use Transkribus is highly welcome.

Your profile

- The position is suitable for advanced BA and MA students who are interested in historical research, especially environmental history, climate history and colonial history.
- Enrolled in a history degree program
- Good oral and written communication skills in German and English
- High degree of self-motivation, creativity and excellent work ethics
- Ability to work flexibly depending on tasks

What we offer

- Gaining experience in archival research, grant application and project development
- Opportunity to establish a network with many different people both within university and archives
- A shared workspace at the FSW

Place of work

Rämistrasse 64, 8001 Zürich

Start of employment

The starting date for the position is August 1, 2024.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please address your application, including a 1 page motivation letter, CV, proof of academic performance and a writing sample in either English or German (e.g., seminar / research paper or your BA thesis) **as a single PDF** to Ms. Silvia Rodriguez at s.rodriuez@fsw.uzh.ch

Review of applications will begin on **May 24, 2024** and continue until the position is filled.