

Call for Applications – Research Associate



We currently have **two** positions available as a **Research Associate** at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business). The positions will start ideally from **1 April 2015**, however a later starting date is possible. Duration of the contract is three years.

Our offer

The **Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law** is one of the largest institutions of its kind in Europe doing work in the tax area. As well as research and teaching activities at the WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business), the staff participate in numerous national and international tax projects and have over the years developed an impressive network of contacts in more than 90 countries. The Institute's team comprises of 60 academic staff members as well as many visiting professors and guest researchers from around the world.

The Institute, under its **Global Tax Policy Center**, is about to launch a new project on **Taxation and Governance in Africa** which will look at the possibilities of improving the inter-agency cooperation between the tax administrations and law enforcement agencies in the region. This project will also aim to review the local legislation and tax treaties of the several focus countries and will identify the proposals for improvement of the laws, so that corruption and tax evasion practices in the region are tackled more efficiently. Furthermore, the project will also explore and propose alternative legal and conceptual frameworks, which will help to build a more transparent and cooperative relationship between the tax administrations and multinational companies operating and working in the project focus countries. This will be a three year program working in close cooperation with the African Tax Institute in South Africa.

Your tasks

The research and teaching associates will be fully integrated into the project's activities which will include conferences, workshops, specific training courses and research work. The main task of the research associates will be to carry out in-depth studies in the areas attributed to them, to elaborate the background information for the conferences and to provide the support in the preparation of the workshops materials.

The research and teaching associates will have opportunities to discuss their ideas with the best experts in the fields of their research and work towards producing world class publications. They will also be able to develop their professional skills through research projects, lectures and events on current topics and exchange of their ideas with professors, the academic community, business and government. They may also participate in the Institute's international conferences. Academic visits to the African Tax Institute (Pretoria) have been included in the project agenda.

The Institute's academic board consists of: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Lang, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Josef Schuch, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Claus Staringer, Prof. Dr. Alexander Rust, LL.M., Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Owens, Prof. Dr. Pasquale Pistone und Prof. Dr. Alfred Storck and the Institute focuses on International and European Tax Law and Corporate Tax Law. The project will be pursued under the leadership of Michael Lang, Jeffrey Owens and Rick McDonell. Michael is the Head of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law. Jeffrey lead the tax work of the OECD for

over 20 years and Rick headed up the FATF secretariat for over 10 years: Jeffrey and Rick will be co-Directors of the project .

As a research and teaching associate you will be expected to be involved in research activities in the areas linked to the project, preparation of the background information for conferences and training courses, as well as teaching and self management of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law.

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- You will be enrolled in one of the doctoral programs of the university, writing your doctoral thesis in the area of tax law, supervised by the professors of the Institute, on a topic closely related to the research agenda of the project, or – if you have already obtained a doctoral degree – expected to conduct post-doctoral research, which should qualify for a further academic career.
- You will be involved in the teaching activities of the Institute. Furthermore, you will gain experience in presenting in the frame of international research projects and corporate partners. Teaching will be in English for Austrian and international students and practitioners.
- In **research project management** of the Institute you will work as an interface between research and administration, assist with conferences and the lecturing program. You will be actively involved in identifying new research areas relevant to the interface between tax and good governance and in the management of scientific projects in this field of research.

Our Requirements

You will need:

- An advanced or already completed, domestic or international Master's degree in law, business and economics, governance, public policy and management or similar areas
- Good command and academic writing skills in English. Another language would be beneficial as would some knowledge of Africa
- Good IT skills
- Solid tax law knowledge, gained either through academic education or practical experience
- If possible, a proven track record of experience within the focus field of the project
- Specific requirements:
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Working with us includes:

- A pleasant working environment in a motivated team
- An international environment
- Flexible working hours
- Employment with all benefits (medical, pension, insurance, etc)
Salary according to the Collective Agreement is € 1961,85 per month (paid out 14 times per year).

Further information:

Both positions are based at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) in Vienna. If you are interested in this job and would like to join our team, please send your Curriculum Vitae (diplomas, certificates, etc) and a cover letter to Ms. Kristina Pegg (jobtaxlaw@wu.ac.at) no later than **25 March 2015**. For further information about our Institute, please visit www.wu.ac.at/taxlaw. You can also apply online at the reference number 2778 (www.wu.ac.at/jobs).