



The Chair of “Economic Policy, especially Competition Economics,” at the Institute of Economics welcomes applications for

### **Two doctoral researcher positions (Ph.D.) in Industrial Organization and Competition Economics**

Part-time position (50%)

We invite applications for two Ph.D. student positions. The positions will be located at the Chair of Economic Policy, especially Competition Economics, at the University of Freiburg, Germany.

What are the effects of mergers on innovation in the pharmaceutical industry? In which industry, if any, did firms' market power increase in the last 10 years and why? Does Amazon abuse of its dual role as an online retailer and a marketplace? Are "killer acquisitions" bad for consumers? What are the effects of common ownership by BlackRock, Inc. and other companies on prices? Competition economics, using notably the tools from industrial organization and game theory as an economic framework, addresses the above-mentioned questions (and much more). It also seeks to guide the policy-making process. By considering the strategic interactions between firms, consumers and policymakers from an economic perspective, competition economics encompasses, in particular, the study of sources and consequences of firms' market power.

We are looking to hire two highly-motivated, ambitious Ph.D. students. The Ph.D. students will be expected to conduct their own research in competition economics, using industrial organization, microeconomic theory and/or empirical methods, under the supervision of Prof. Germain Gaudin. The Ph.D. in competition economics represents an excellent complement to a M.Sc. in economics towards professional careers as, for instance, (economic) consultants, economists in public institutions, economists in regulatory/policy departments of private companies, or academic scholars.

We are looking for outstanding applicants with a M.Sc. degree (or equivalent) in economics. M.Sc. candidates who are close to finishing their studies are also welcomed to apply. Applicants should have excellent analytical skills and a first-rate command of advanced microeconomics and game theory. Strong understanding of industrial organization as well as regulatory and/or competition policy is highly-appreciated. Excellent econometric skills are also required when the applicant

anticipates to rely on empirical methods during the Ph.D. Good writing and communication skills in English are also expected.

Each selected Ph.D. student will be offered a three-year contract (50% of a TV-L E13 position), with a flexible starting date. As part of their contracts, the Ph.D. students will have limited teaching duties. Research work is expected to be in English; German is a plus.

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**Important:** An online information session (circa 30 min) will be held on August 26. Please send an email to [germain.gaudin@econ.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:germain.gaudin@econ.uni-freiburg.de) in order to register.

The application package should include a motivation letter, CV, grade transcript of your highest degree earned (current M.Sc. transcripts for M.Sc. candidates), and an example of your own scientific writing if available (e.g., thesis or seminar paper).

Funding will be granted for three years. The salary will be determined in accordance with TV-L E13.

We are particularly pleased to receive applications from women for the positions advertised here.

Please send your application in English including supporting documents mentioned above citing the reference number, by 30.09.2020 at the latest. Please send your application to the following address in written or electronic form:

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