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### **Student research assistant at Personality, Mental Health, and Culture (~25%)**

We are looking for a student research assistant to support us in various activities of our research (see below for potential responsibilities). At the “Personality, Mental Health and Culture” Professorship we are focused on the internationalization of psychological science. Our projects take place around the world especially in contexts that have been underrepresented in the study of psychology. We combine emic methods, to understand local conditions with depth and build relevant models from the ground up, and etic methods, for example translating surveys, in order to make targeted comparisons. In this way, we seek to define and distinguish between culturally-specific versus universal aspects of the human experience and human psychology. The main tasks of this position will focus on the “Africa Long Life Study”, a longitudinal study on personality and mental health among emerging adults in multiple Sub-Saharan African countries. We collaborate with researchers from universities in Namibia, Kenya, and South Africa. Our team nearly completed recruitment and wave 1 data collection in the three countries and will be planning wave 2 in the upcoming months.

#### **Your responsibilities (to be defined upon mutual agreement)**

- Data entry of paper copies of surveys administered of wave 1 data collection of the “Africa Long Life Study”
- Data cleaning and management
- Management of participant contact information and outreach using Whatsapp and email, various possible contact management software
- Administration of online surveys for the upcoming wave 2 data collection,
- Attend team meetings, adapt tasks flexibly to new information and feedback
- Possible: literature searches

#### **Your profile**

- Psychology student at bachelor’s level without graduation (mandatory)
- Interest in the topics of study: Personality, Mental Health, and Culture
- Good command of German and / or English
- Motivated, thorough, and precise
- Good work attitude, open to feedback, willing to learn
- Tech-savvy, good problem solver

#### **What we offer**

- Flexible working hours
- Chance to be part of a dynamic international research team
- Accessible, supportive mentorship to learn new tasks
- Opportunity to gain insight into and contribute to cutting-edge research projects
- Working space with good infrastructure at the Department of Psychology

**Place of work**

Binzmühlestrasse 14, 8050 Zurich

**Starting date and degree of employment**

The ideal starting date is as soon as possible, and the degree of employment is at least 10 hours per week (i.e., ~25%; with the option of an increased workload depending on capacity). We expect that there is a decreased work availability on your side during the exam periods in June.

**Applications**

Please submit your application including a brief motivation letter and CV including technical and statistical knowledge as a single PDF to [daniel.hofmann@psychologie.uzh.ch](mailto:daniel.hofmann@psychologie.uzh.ch)  
We will consider applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions.