UNIVERSITÄT MANNHEIM
Fakultät für Betriebswirtschaftslehre

At the **University of Mannheim, Business School, several full time positions as**

Doctoral Researcher in Business Economics and Taxation(m/w/d) (E 13 TV-L BW)

are to be filled as of September 1, 2026.

Successful candidates will join the Center for Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB) within the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) at the University of Mannheim. During the first year of the PhD program, they complete the structured course program of the CDSB, which includes state-of-the-art PhD classes in (Applied) Econometrics, Microeconomics, Taxation and Accounting.

Starting in the second year, candidates join the Taxation team at the University of Mannheim´s Business School, led by Professors Philipp Doerrenberg, Marcel Olbert, Christoph Spengel and Johannes Voget, as research and teaching assistants (full time, 100% positions). They pursue their dissertations on topics in empirical taxation research. The team's research spans a wide range of areas, including the role of taxation for sustainability, international corporate taxation, tax avoidance and evasion, behavioral responses of firms and individuals to various taxes, tax incidence, tax transparency, mergers and acquisitions, and behavioral aspects of taxation. The group employs large-scale archival data sets (e.g., tax return data provided by statistical offices and corporate balance sheet data), as well as data from field and survey experiments. The goal is to produce high-quality research suitable for publication in leading international journals in economics and business.

The Business School's Taxation group collaborates closely with key entities within the department, including the German Business Panel (GBP), the Accounting group, the TRR/SFB Accounting for Transparency, as well as with nearby institutions such as the Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) and the Public Economics group in the Department of Economics. These collaborations are formalized through the MannheimTaxation research cluster, which all PhD candidates are part of and benefit from in their daily research activities.

The positions are fully funded and exempt from tuition fees. In the first year, candidates receive a CDSB scholarship. From the second year onward, they transition to a full-time position (100%, TV-L E13). While candidates contribute to the teaching activities of the group, the primary focus remains on research. We actively encourage and support the participation in international

The **University of Mannheim** is one of the leading universities in Germany with approximately 12,000 students in five schools. Particularly in business and economics as well as in the social sciences the university ranks among the top institutions both at national and international level. More than 2,600 employees profit from an exciting work environment with numerous benefits.

Key information

Start: 01. September 2026

Term: The positions are temporary (in accordance with WissZeitVG)

Remuneration bracket: E 13 TV-L BW

Weekly hours: 39,5 hours (100% position)

Application deadline:
March 31, 2026 (early application deadline: January 15, 2026)
We review applications on a rolling basis

conferences and longer research stays abroad. PhD students are rigorously prepared for the academic job market, and our graduates are regularly placed at leading international universities (e.g., Stanford, London Business School, NHH Bergen).

We invite applications from candidates with a background in business administration, economics, or related disciplines (such as psychology, sociology, or political science—provided they have training in statistics and quantitative or empirical methods). While prior experience in empirical research, data analysis, or taxation is an advantage, it is not a strict requirement. The first-year coursework, as well as all subsequent teaching and research activities, are conducted in English, and we warmly welcome applications from international candidates.

If you are interested in applying, please use the application mask of the CDSB: https://gess-application.uni-mannheim.de/portal/

Please apply for the “Taxation Track” of the CDSB PhD program. The application deadline is 31 March 2026 for the Fall 2026 intake. Applications can be submitted from mid-November 2025, and there is an early application deadline on 15 January 2026. The prerequisite for admission is a master’s degree or a four year bachelor's degree in the respective field or equivalent.

Please reach out to Professor Philipp Doerrenberg (doerrenberg@uni-mannheim.de) if you have questions about the positions.

We are looking forward to your applications!

Links for further information:

CDSB: https:www.uni-mannheim.de/gess/programs/cdsb
Area Accounting and Taxation: https://www.bwl.uni-mannheim.de/en/area-accounting-taxation/
Mannheim Taxation: https://www.mannheimtaxation.eu/mannheim-taxation/home
German Business Panel: https:gbpanel.org/page/e
TRR/SFB Accounting for Transparency:
https://www.accounting-for-transparency.de/de/

Applications from persons with a disability are given preferential consideration provided that they are appropriately qualified. The University of Mannheim is committed to increasing the quota of women and thus encourages women with appropriate qualifications to apply.

Data protection

Please find detailed information on the collection of personal data from the data subject according to Article 13 GDPR on the university´s homepage: www.uni-mannheim.de/datenschutz-bei-bewerbungen.

Submitted application documents will only be returned if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, they will be destroyed in accordance with current data protection law after the application procedure has ended. Electronic applications will be deleted accordingly.

If you apply by e-mail, please note that protection of confidential data cannot be guaranteed as unauthorized third parties might gain access to unencrypted e-mails during transmission.