



STudent REseArch Mobility Programme (STREAM) Project proposal

Host University:
Universität Zurich

Field:
Economics, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Law, Business and Administration

Specified field, subject:
Secessionism

Research project title:
Explaining Secessionism in Europe

Possible starting month(s):

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Fev	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
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Possible duration in months:

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Exact starting and end dates will be discussed between the supervisor and the student

Suitable for students in: Bachelor level Master level

Prerequisites:

Suitable for economics students and students of political science or related disciplines with an interest in quantitative work. Knowledge of Excel and statistical software like R or Stata would be a plus.

Restrictions:

NONE

Description (maximum 2,000 characters):

The resource curse and ethnic groups: This project reexamines the resource curse. Specifically, we analyze the distribution of resources between ethnic groups and how this affects the composition of governments and the outbreak of civil war and secession attempts. We employ novel dataset on resources like oil, gas and diamonds and combine them with data about ethnic groups to answer the research questions. This project will enable the student to strongly improve their own research skills and learn a lot about ethnic groups and conflict. They will be directly involved in an ongoing research project and be able to experience various stages of the research process from deriving hypotheses to data gathering and processing, and the empirical implementation. In addition, they will enhance their skills in widely used software programs. Number of places available: 1 per semester.

Note: Research project may be adapted according to the student profile and the period/timeline.



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Deadline for nomination to reach host university:
Ongoing

Notification of admission given by the end of:
Given within 4 weeks

Additional information:
NA



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