

Position for Student Assistant for Cognitive and Decision Science Research at TUM

Our team at the **Chair of Behavioral Research Methods** at the **Technical University of Munich** (Prof. Thorsten Pachur) is looking for a **student research assistant** (5-7 hours per week) to support our research activities. In our lab, we study the psychological mechanisms underlying cognition and behavior, with a particular focus on judgment and decision-making and processes of information search. Our research applies experimental and computational methods to describe and analyze human behavior and cognition (for more information, [visit our website](#)).

Start Date: Preferred starting date is April 2026

Hours: 5-7 hours per week

Application Deadline: 31st December 2025

What We Offer:

- Hands-on research experience in an enthusiastic and supportive lab environment
- Opportunities to contribute to innovative research in cognitive science and psychology
- Flexible working hours to accommodate your academic schedule
- Working desk in shared office at TUM School of Management

What You Will Do:

- Assist in programming, planning, and conducting state-of-the-art behavioral experiments
- Conduct literature research and write summaries
- Prepare and analyze data
- Support teaching procedures (e.g., recordings of lectures)

What We Expect:

- Enrolment in a psychology or cognitive science degree at a German university
- Availability for at least 1-2 years (i.e., 3-4 semesters remaining in your studies in Munich).
- Strong interest in research in psychology and cognitive science (e.g., judgment and decision-making)
- Willingness and curiosity to familiarize yourself with new topics and methods
- Basic programming skills in R or Python
- High level of independence and reliability, good organizational and communication skills
- Fluent in English and/or German
- *Of advantage:* Experience with data analysis and programming psychological experiments (e.g., R, PsychoPy, lab.js)

If you meet the qualifications, please send your CV and a brief statement explaining your interest and relevant experience by 31 December to Nuno Busch (nuno.busch@tum.de).

The TUM aims to increase the proportion of women; therefore, applications from women are expressly welcomed. This position is suitable for disabled persons. Disabled applicants will be given preference in hiring in cases of essentially equal suitability and qualifications.