The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC) is an international, interdisciplinary research institute located in central Munich. It was founded in 2009 as a joint initiative of LMU Munich (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität) and the Deutsches Museum. The working language of the Center is English. At any given time, the RCC is home to around twenty-five visiting scholars from across the globe, as well as an international staff who manage academic programs, publications, communications, events, and finances.

The RCC is looking for two students in any humanities subject to assist the work of the center on a part-time basis. Research assistants work between 8–12 hours per week as part of a small team. Duties include library service (supporting our international visiting fellows with library access, photocopying, etc.); assisting at conferences, workshops, and other events; processing outgoing mail; staffing the RCC front desk and library; and various other duties related to the day-to-day work of our busy research institute. Research assistants are an integral part of our community of scholars and have the opportunity to attend our lunchtime colloquia, workshops, social events, and make use of the academic resources at the center.

Successful candidates must have an excellent command of the English language as well as a good knowledge of German. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a degree program at a Bavarian university; those who have completed a Master’s (or equivalent) are not eligible for this position. Applicants should enjoy working as part of a team, be well organized and able to work independently, and be interested in working with colleagues of diverse cultural backgrounds. Computer literacy and a good knowledge of the Munich library (BSB and UB) systems are required; knowledge of other foreign languages and an interest in environmental issues would be advantageous.

Working hours are flexible, but occasional availability on the weekend for events is a necessity. Research assistants are paid in line with the standard tariff for studentische Hilfskräfte. Contracts will be awarded for six months with the possibility of extension.

To apply, please send your CV, cover letter, and the contact information of two references to jobs@rcc.lmu.de by 1 December 2014. Interviews will be conducted in the first two weeks of December with the position starting on 1 February 2015.

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