

UNU-MERIT is looking for a research assistant or PhD fellow in the field of patent network analysis. The assistant will work with Dr. Önder Nomaler and Prof. Bart Verspagen on a project funded by the European Patent Office. The project aims to analyse technological trends using patent citation networks. A rough idea of the basic underlying methodology is described in [this](#) early paper on patent citation networks.

The assistant must have strong affinity with quantitative methods, preferably with some experience in computer programming. Prior experience or shown interest in network analysis, the use of patent statistics, or SQL are desirable (although not absolutely necessary for applicants with excellent track records).

Preference is for Master students in the final stages of their study, or a PhD fellow wanting to integrate the project in the thesis. The appointment can be flexible, e.g., an internship followed by an assistant position. Interested applicants who are not yet engaged in PhD research should consider making this the start of a PhD project.

For more information, or applications, contact Bart Verspagen at verspagen@merit.unu.edu

Deadline for applications: 18 February 2019