What does a fact checker at kurzgesagt do?

The kurzgesagt team is closely working together with fact checkers who are experts in their respective fields. They come into play, whenever scientific facts, references, principles, calculations, expressions, or translations have to be checked for validity and correctness.

In practical terms, this means that kurzgesagt sends me the video script with specific instructions (e.g., check translations on page 4 and 5; Is the principle described on page 8 scientifically correct?; Can you have a look at the calculations?; Is there a paper/study to this statement?). Usually, the script comes with a (not so urgent) deadline, and I can work on the script whenever it fits best to my schedule. From time to time, we clarify some details on the phone or via mail.

Once I am done with my scientific check, I send back the revised script and still am on standby in case of further questions about the script or my edits.

What are your fields of expertise?

I am an experimental physicist (main focus on polymers) with a master's degree in (physical/inorganic) chemistry and a PhD in soft matter physics.

How is it like to work for kurzgesagt?

It is so awesome! Exciting science, great colleagues, flexible working time. Can it get even better?

How international is the team? And is the communication mostly happening in German or English?

It is an international team (in-house + freelancer). The people I am working with are German and therefore, we communicate in German with each other, but English would be fine as well.

Most jobs at kurzgesagt require good English and German skills since there are English and German versions of the kurzgesagt videos.

What do you like best?

I love how kurzgesagt succeeds in explaining complicated stuff in a very easy way. It is really impressive, and I am learning a lot about scientific story telling.

Is there something you don't like

There are time periods with very little videos that fall into my fields of expertise, which means barely any work for me. That's not so cool but is also means more time to work on other

projects. 🕅

How to apply as a fact checker (or something else) at kurzgesagt?

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