

Job opening for the position of a Senior Researcher (m/f/d), full time

The **Institute for Advanced Studies** is an independent, non-profit research institute in Vienna (Austria). It brings together high-level expertise from various disciplines (economics, sociology, and political science, among others) to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices.

About the Research Group

Founded in 2018, the Behavioral Economics Research Group (“Insight Austria”) focuses on developing and evaluating concepts and measures built on insights of research in behavioral economics. The group takes a human-centered approach, which allows to design choice environments that generate substantial behavioral change without limiting an individual’s freedom of choice. Randomized controlled trials are regularly conducted to test effectiveness of policy instruments. Over the past years, numerous projects have been commissioned to the group, and the group has quickly acquired a unique position with high reputation among Austrian and European stakeholders. In addition, the group has also managed to win several research grants to ensure continued academic research. For more details on the group’s profile, see the [website](#).

Currently we are looking for Senior Researcher (m/f/d) and **Head of the Behavioral Economics Research Group**, full-time. The position is available from January 2022.

The position is directed at a researcher with PhD, several years of experience in academia as well as policy advice, and good relations with relevant stakeholders in Austria and beyond. As the Head of the Research Group, he/she is expected to raise funding from commissioned research as well as competitive grants to finance the research group, and to advise other group members. In addition, he/she is overseeing the group’s scientific development, coordinating ongoing and future research efforts, and participating in the institute’s strategic advancement.

The position as Senior Researcher comes with a permanent contract. The position as Head of the Research Group is limited to five years, with the possibility of an extension based on a successful evaluation of the performance and the strategic development of the group.

Job profile

- PhD, preferably from economics or a related behavioral science discipline
- Established publication record in behavioral science
- Well-versed overview of the field of behavioral economics and related behavioral science disciplines
- Extensive first-hand knowledge of experimental research
- Fluent in English and German
- Several years of experience with cooperating in empirical research projects
- Experience with acquisition of third-party funding (national and international, in competitive research grants as well as commissioned research)
- Experience with leading a team (or: convincing willingness to acquire this qualification)
- Experience with budgeting and financing of a Research Group (or: convincing willingness to acquire this qualification)

- Experience with external representation (particularly especially in dealing with stakeholders and clients from politics and business as well as with the public and the media)
- Experience with giving policy-advice
- Passionate in communicating with decision makers in science, politics, business, and society

Desirable additional qualifications

- Venia Docendi or equivalent status
- Good knowledge of the institutional setting of Austrian public administration and of economic policies therewith (or: willingness to swiftly acquire this knowledge)
- Experience in supervising early-stage career researchers (PhD candidates)
- Academic position at an Austrian University

If you fit this description, you can expect the following at the Institute

You will do research in ongoing projects at IHS and have the opportunity to pursue your scientific interests. IHS offers opportunities for academic publishing and for scholarly exchange on an international level. You will be engaged in an intellectually challenging and exciting environment with an international atmosphere, and flexible and family-friendly working times. The Institute is located in the eighth district of Vienna, with excellent access to public transportation.

The salary offer for the full-time position as senior researcher is **€ 4,200.00** (before taxes) per month (14x) (salary level 2021); for the time being the head of the Research Group, a monthly extra pay of **€ 750.00** (before taxes) will be part of the contract. The Institute has an equal opportunity policy, with a special emphasis on increasing the number of women in research positions, and specifically encourages female candidates to apply for the open position.

Before submitting your application, please read our [privacy policy](#)!

Application

The application should consist of an academic CV as well as a cover letter detailing the applicant's fit with the job profile. The application must include two contacts for references and must be accompanied by a written concept detailing the applicant's objectives for the research group and how these are to be achieved (on max. 5 pages).

Please send all the documents mentioned above as pdf until **31 August 2021** via E-Mail to:

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We are looking forward to your application!