

Job opening for the position of a Junior Researcher (PhD candidate) (d/f/m), part-time, Temporary position for 3 years (30h/week)



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.

IHS is pleased to announce an opening for one Junior Researcher (PhD candidate) (d/f/m). The position is directed at an early stage career scientist with the ambition to pursue a PhD in the field of economic and social sciences. Specifically, the position is available in the research field of analyzing educational trajectories based on register (and qualitative) data.

The research group **Education and Employment (EQUI)** focuses on research questions in the areas of education, employment, and social inequality. Our research projects in these areas comprise both basic and applied research and evaluations (empirical, theory-based approach). EQUI systematically integrates qualitative and quantitative methods as well as contributes to the advancement of social science research designs and methods. A main target of our mid-term strategy is to implement and strengthen educational research based on register (and qualitative) data. The junior position offered is an integral part of this strategy.

The position for a Junior Researcher (PhD candidate) (d/f/m) is available from October 1, 2022.

Job description

- Participation in ongoing research projects
- Research of content according to the focus of the research group, writing of (partial) reports
- Performing quantitative and qualitative research
- Carrying out research in line with your dissertation

Job profile

- MA, preferably from social sciences (like Sociology, Social Economy, Political Science, Psychology)
- Either already enrolled, or planning to enroll, as a PhD candidate at a university in Austria or abroad, in social sciences (or another discipline arguably relevant for the research field of educational research based on register data), with the plan to write a dissertation
- Knowledge of and interest in the research field of education, employment, and social inequality.
- Fluent in German, good command of English
- Experience with statistical software such as Stat, SPSS, or R
- Experience in quantitative and qualitative research
- Ability to work independently

Our offer

You will do research in ongoing projects at IHS, and also have the opportunity to pursue your own scientific interests in the context of your dissertation project. IHS offers possibilities 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 is oriented along the FWF scheme for pre-doctoral staff. Half of the time is dedicated to writing the dissertation; the other half of the time to working on ongoing IHS research projects within the research group. There is no teaching obligation, and Junior Researchers are part of the IHS Doctoral College. The contract with IHS will include a dissertation agreement, which will be updated regularly over time, as well as a mentoring program. The salary offer for the Junior Researcher position part time (30h/week) is € 2.300,30 (before taxes) per month (14 times) (FWF salary level 2022).

Duration of employment: fixed-term employment contract for 3 years

Extent of employment: 30 hours/week (part time)

Application

The Institute for Advanced Studies attaches great importance to the protection of your personal data in the application process.

Please read [data protection regulations](#) in the application process carefully before submitting your application.

The Institute for Advanced Studies 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.

Your application should consist of an academic CV as well as a cover letter. Among other things, the cover letter shall contain your motivation to pursue a PhD, why you are interested in the research field of educational research based on register data, and at least two contacts for references. Please also enclose your master thesis, or one other paper (unpublished or published) that you consider representative of your writing skills. You may also want to enclose your dissertation outline, if available.

Please send all the documents mentioned above as pdf until August 19, 2022 via E-Mail to:

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For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas König, koenig@ihs.ac.at.

We are looking forward to your application!