



INSTITUT FÜR HÖHERE STUDIEN
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
Vienna

Job Opening

Senior Researcher and Head of Research Group



The [Institute for Advanced Studies \(IHS\)](#) is looking for a dynamic senior researcher who is able and willing to serve as a leader of the research group “Regional Science and Environmental Research”. The appointment as a senior researcher is full-time and permanent and is available from September 2022 onwards. The position as head of research group is for a term of five years with the possibility of reappointment based on performance and strategic development of the group.

IHS is an independent, non-profit and non-university research institute in Vienna (Austria) with a focus primarily on economics, sociology, and political science. Since its founding as an economic and social research institute in 1963, IHS was always striving for excellence and has combined academic and applied research. Funded by grants from public authorities and by competitive and commissioned research projects, the Institute employs about 100 researchers and around 25 PhD candidates and brings together high-level expertise from various disciplines and countries to address fundamental economic and social issues. The institute is routinely engaged in the evaluation of economic and social policy choices. In this endeavor the IHS has acquired an outstanding reputation within Austria but is also well-recognized internationally.

About the Research Group

The Research Group “Regional Science and Environmental Research” conducts interdisciplinary research on regional, environmental and climate matters such as the identification and analysis of determinants of value chains; economic competitiveness, structural change in regional economies; economic, environmental and social impacts resulting from policies or investment projects; climate mitigation and adaptation measures; energy policy and infrastructure questions; and environmental impact assessments, including non-GHG emissions, land and resource use;. To do so, methods include a wide range of quantitative empirical approaches, such as applied econometrics, operations research methods, multiregional environmentally extended input-output, and dynamic eco-efficiency analysis, but also qualitative methods. The group consists of 7.5 full-equivalent persons and is composed of regional and

ecological economists, mathematicians, as well as social scientists, and carries out numerous research projects every year. For more details on the group's profile, see the [website](#).

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

Job profile

- PhD, preferably with an emphasis in climate or environmental economics, or regional science, or related fields
- Strong publication record in the one of the fields mentioned above
- Several years of experience with cooperating in and coordinating empirical research projects
- Experience in giving policy-advice
- Experience with acquisition of third-party funding at the national and international level (competitive research grants as well as commissioned research)
- Experience as team leader or convincing willingness to so
- 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 public sector as well as with the public and the media)
- Passionate in communicating with decision makers in science, politics, business, and society
- Fluent in English and German (B1)

Desirable additional qualifications

- Venia Docendi or equivalent status
- Good knowledge of the institutional setting of Austria and the European Union
- Experience in supervising early-stage career researchers (PhD candidates)

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

You will do research in ongoing projects at IHS and will have the opportunity to pursue your own scientific interests. IHS offers the infrastructure and the opportunities to carry out academic research and scholarly exchange at an international level (organization of workshops, conferences, etc.). 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 in the center of Vienna with excellent access to public transportation.

The minimal salary before taxes as senior researcher is at the level I/5 according to the IHS salary scale which amounts currently to € 4.200 € per month (14x, before taxes); the position of head of research group is remunerated with a monthly extra payment of currently € 750,- (14x) and will be part of the contract. The Institute has an equal opportunity policy, with special emphasis on increasing the number of women in research positions, and specifically encourages female candidates to apply.

The Institute for Advanced Studies attaches great importance to the protection of your personal data in the application process. 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 **30th June 2022** via E-Mail to:

Dr. Thomas König
Institut für Höhere Studien
Josefstädter Straße 39, 1080 Wien
E-Mail: bewerbung@ihs.ac.at

For further questions, please do not hesitate to also contact Thomas König.

We look forward to your application!