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The following doctoral position(s) are announced by ViDSS or the departments supporting ViDSS:

2 University Assistants (prae doc) at the Department of Communication under the supervision of Annie Waldherr (Computational Communication Science)

Communication studies is a social science with a diversity of research methods. Its core is the indirect public communication, transmitted by mass media.

Job Description:

Participation in research, teaching and administration:

- Participation in research projects/ scientific studies in the field of Computational Communication Science
- Participation in publications/ academic articles/ presentations
- We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12–18 months
- Participation in teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement
- Supervision of students
- Participation in organisation of meetings, conferences, symposiums
- Participation in administration of the department

Profile:

- Completed postgraduate degree (MA, MSc) in communication studies or related field
- Profound knowledge of empirical social research methods, especially quantitative methods
- Interest in learning methods of Computational Communication Science, e.g. agent-based modelling and simulation, network analysis, automated text analysis and/or image recognition
- Programming experience of R and/or Python, or the willingness to acquire these or other object-oriented programming languages
- Substantive interest in issues of public and political communication
- Didactic competences
- High ability to express yourself both orally and writing
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- High computer literacy (MS Office)
- Ability to work in teams
- Time management skills
- Reliability

Duration of employment: 4 years

Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week

Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement: \$48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

The candidates who are selected for these positions are automatically admitted to ViDSS as student members. Applications are to be submitted through the [Job Center of the University of Vienna \(reference number: 10878\)](#) no later than 23.06.2020.