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

Up to 4 Ph.D. Positions within the ERC Advanced Grant INFRANORTH (Building Arctic Futures: Transport Infrastructures and Sustainable Northern Communities) under the supervision of Peter Schweitzer

The recently awarded ERC Advanced Grant INFRANORTH (PI Prof. Peter Schweitzer) at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology offers up to four Ph.D. positions (up to 30 hours a week) for up to 3 years beginning after March 1, 2021.

The [project](#) focuses on how residents of the Arctic, both indigenous and non-indigenous, engage with transport infrastructures and tries to understand the role of existing and planned transport infrastructures regarding the future of human habitation and of sustainable communities in the Arctic. In addressing these tasks, a relational affordance perspective will be adopted, which will document the material and non-material entanglements of local residents with transport infrastructures in the coastal areas of the three macro-regions of the Arctic: the Russian Arctic, the North American Arctic, and the European Arctic.

Social scientists, especially anthropologists, with interest in the Arctic are encouraged to submit their applications (cover letter, CV, short writing sample) via the [Job Center](#) of the University of Vienna. A first review round will take place shortly after January 1, 2021, and first positions will be filled by March 1, 2021. The call will remain open until June 30 for positions to be filled during the second half of 2021. The anticipated start date of the position is February 2021.

Job description:

- Conducting and publishing research
- Contributing to the overall project
- Presenting results at international conferences and assisting in organizing project workshops

Profile:

- Interest in arctic research, anthropology of mobility and infrastructure
- Excellent command, both written and oral, of English
- Field site specific regional language knowledge

Duration of employment: 3 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.

Candidates who are selected for these positions join the ViDSS as student members.

Applications are to be submitted through the [Job Center of the University of Vienna \(reference number: 11562\)](#), no later than 30.06.2021.