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- Contribution to research projects / scientific studies, in particular in the area of political competition and content analysis of political communication
- Contribution to publications / scientific articles
- Contribution to organisation of conferences, meetings, symposiums
- Contribution to project application and (external) fundraising
- Possibility to write a dissertation in the context of a research project. We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12–18 months.
- Holding classes due to extent regulations of wage agreement
- Examination activities and support of students
- Participation in evaluation activities and in measures of quality assurance

**Profile:**
- MA in Political Science or related field / focus on Austrian politics and/or Comparative Politics (western democracies)
- Professional competence in the research area of political parties, elections, political competition, political communication
- Very good knowledge of methods of empirical social science research and research design
- Knowledge of principles of teaching and enjoyment of knowledge transfer
- High command of written and oral language
- Advanced computer literacy
- Excellent command of the English language
- Ability to work in teams

**Desirable qualifications:**
- Teaching experience / experience of working with e-learning
- Experience in research management
- Experience in the acquisition of third-party funding
- Experience abroad
- Knowledge of university processes and structures

**Duration of employment:** 4 years  
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