The Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences promotes innovative, excellent, problem-oriented research that aspire to contribute to societal debates and address key global challenges. The cohorts trained and supported by the VIDSS are part of the vibrant research environment at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna. VIDSS aims for the highest standards in doctoral training and close supervision to ensure a mastery of social scientific debates and relevant theories and methods.

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

Project Staff at the Department of Demography within the ERC Project BIC.LATE (“Biological, Individual and Contextual Factors of Fertility Recovery”) under the supervision of Eva Beaujouan

The doctoral student will be working on Work Package 2 of BIC.LATE, analysing the individual factors of fertility across ages and countries, as well as individual partnership and fertility behaviour at later ages. Knowledge of multilevel analysis and standard demographic techniques will be appreciated, as well as curiosity about the drivers of fertility in the high-income countries. Applicants should have a clear doctoral intention and demonstrate teamwork and interpersonal skills as well as enthusiasm for excellent research. The person will have the opportunity to conduct scientific research in a motivated and committed research team. The duties also include participation in project administration.

Job description:

• Preparation/completion of a dissertation (the conclusion of a dissertation agreement within 12–18 months is expected)
• Publication of four research articles and presentations in international conferences
• Integration into the research project’s team through collaboration in research
• Involvement in research administration (e.g., preparation of meetings, workshops, conferences, website).

Profile:

• Completed master’s degree in demography, sociology, another master that includes a demography course, or similar
• Excellent knowledge of quantitative data analysis
• Knowledge of multilevel analysis and/or event history analysis
• High level of written and oral expression in English
• Interest in the study of fertility in the high-income countries
• Ability to work in a team and social competence
• Good organization in work
• Initiative
• Willingness to continue education and attraction for research

More information

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 candidate who is selected for this position joins the VIDSS as student member.
Applications are to be submitted through the Job Center of the University of Vienna (reference number: 12079), no later than 27.06.2021.