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University Assistant (prae doc) at the Department of Government under the supervision of Sylvia Kritzinger (political communication and quantitative methods in the social sciences)

The Department of Government, a subunit of the Faculty of Social Sciences, is looking for a University Assistant (pre doc) with good knowledge of political communication and of quantitative methods in the Social Sciences. The position is expected to be taken up until October 1st 2022 at the latest. The employment contract is initially limited to 1.5 years and is automatically extended to a total of 4 years, unless the employer issues a declaration of non-renewal after a maximum of 12 months.

Job description:
• Independent research activity in the field of ‘political communication and quantitative methods in the social sciences’
• We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12 months as well as participation at the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences
• International publishing and presentation activities
• Teaching due to extent regulations of wage agreement (as well as supervision of students)
• Participation in research, teaching and administration
• Contribution to organisation of conferences, meetings, symposiums
• Participation in evaluation activities and in quality assurance
• Participation in administration of the department

Profile:
• Completed Master’s degree in the Social Sciences (Political Science, Communication Science, Economics, Sociology)
• Research interest in political communication
• Excellent knowledge of quantitative methods of data collection and analysis
• Experience with survey methods, experiments and statistical analysis (e.g., Qualtrics, STATA, R)
• Excellent English skills

More information

Duration of employment: 4 years
Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week
Remuneration in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement: §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc)
Relevant work experience can be taken into consideration for determining the pay grade.

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