The Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences promotes innovative, excellent, problem-oriented research that aspires 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. The 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:

Scientific Staff (prae doc) 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 particularly focus on the analysis of the individual factors of fertility across ages and over the life course, across country contexts. Excellent quantitative skills as well as a strong interest in the demographic study of fertility will be appreciated. Applicants should have a clear doctoral intention and demonstrate teamwork and interpersonal skills as well as enthusiasm for excellent research. The preadoc will have the opportunity to conduct scientific research as part of a motivated and committed research team. Duties include participation in the administration of the project.

Job description:

- The preadoc will be working on Work Package 2 of BIC.LATE, analysing the individual factors of fertility across ages and countries, as well as partnership and fertility behaviour at later ages.
- Preparation/completion of a dissertation (the conclusion of a doctoral thesis agreement within 9–12 months is expected; see https://vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/doctoral-programme/doctoral-thesis-agreement/)
- Publication of three or 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...).
- The doctoral student will be part of the ViDSS (https://vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/)

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

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 (prae doc)
Relevant work experience can be taken into consideration for determining the pay 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: 12699), no later than 28.02.2022.