

The IHS – Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna is a leading non-university research institute that creates empirically based knowledge on significant economic and social challenges of our time. It delivers excellent applied basic research and impartial scientific policy advice, combining economic and social science perspectives. IHS is looking to fill the following position in the newly established Junior Research Group Digitalization and Social Transformation.

## **Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d, 30h/week)**

As a doctoral researcher at IHS, you will be involved in the group's projects, in particular in studies on the relationship between the use of digital platforms and processes of social inequality with a specific emphasis on work, relationships and affect. You will develop your dissertation project around the subject matter. The position will allow you to

- Learn to critically assess the impact of digitalization on work and relationships
- Participate in research on platforms and marketplaces, e.g. in the field of gig-economy or dating
- Analyze processes of identity building and community formation in the virtual world
- Co-design and co-write grant applications
- Engage in advanced scientific research and independent policy advice
- Communicate findings to the scientific community and the public

## About you

- You have completed a Master's degree in social sciences or a related discipline (e.g., sociology, digital humanities, computational social science, science and technology studies, psychology).
- You have strong skills in digital methods (e.g., virtual ethnography, walkthrough method, web scraping, text mining), or a strong interest in developing these skills.
- You are prepared to conduct methodologically demanding qualitative and/or quantitative studies.
- You have excellent written and verbal communication skills in English. Good command of German is an advantage.

## What we can offer you

- Comprehensive mentoring and training to advance your qualifications and doctoral project,
- Time offs for self-determined research and opportunities for research stays abroad,
- Excellent opportunities for further career development due to our strong position in both research and science-based policy advice,
- A collegial team in a non-discriminatory working environment with respectful cooperation,
- Flexible working time arrangements and the option of mobile working, IHS is a certified familyfriendly employer,
- A great location set in the heart of Vienna and a fully operating infrastructure.

The monthly salary for the advertised position is based on the FWF scheme for doctoral candidates and amounts to  $\leq 2,684.10$  gross for a 30-hour week, paid 14 times per year.

The position is to be filled on January 1, 2025. The initial contract period is 3 years, with the possibility of an extension upon successful internal evaluation.

IHS is an equal opportunity employer. We examine our unconscious biases and take responsibility for the career advancement of women and for creating an inclusive environment that makes every employee and candidate feel welcome.

## Interested?

Please submit your application (including cover letter, CV, master thesis and research statement) in a single PDF-document by September 30, 2024 via e-mail to application@ihs.ac.at. For questions related to the position, please feel free to contact the Head of the Junior Research Group, Laura Wiesböck.

We will protect your personal data during the application process. Please read our data protection regulations in the application process carefully here before you submit your data to us.