



INSTITUT FÜR HÖHERE STUDIEN
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
Vienna

Job Openings

3 Positions for Junior Researchers (PhD candidates)

available from: September 2018
Temporary positions for 3 years (30h/week)

The [Institute for Advanced Studies \(IHS\)](https://www.ihs.ac.at) is an independent, non-profit research institute in Vienna (Austria). It brings together high-level expertise from various disciplines (economics, sociology, and political science, among others) to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices. Internationally renowned scientists stay at the Institute as guest researchers, and PhD candidates use its excellent facilities to conduct their studies. IHS alumni take up careers in academia, governmental institutions, and in the private sector. The Institute has eight Research Groups and two Competence Centers, each dedicated to a research field.

IHS is pleased to announce 3 openings for Junior Researchers (PhD candidates). The positions are directed at early stage career scientists with the ambition to pursue their PhD in one of the economic and social sciences featured at the Institute. Specifically, positions are available in one of the following research fields:

- Health Economics and Health Policy
- Higher Education
- Labor Market and Social Policy
- Public Finance

Each of the three open positions is integrated in one of the Research Groups at IHS (for further details, see <https://www.ihs.ac.at/research/>). The salary is oriented along the FWF scheme for pre-doctoral staff. Half of the time is dedicated to writing the dissertation; the other half of the time is to work on ongoing IHS research projects. There is no teaching obligation. The contract with IHS will include a dissertation agreement, which will be updated regularly over time.

Job profile:

- MA, preferably from economics and social sciences
- Excellent knowledge of, and interest in one of the four research fields mentioned above
- Either already enrolled, or planning to enroll, as a PhD candidate at a university in Austria

or abroad, in economic or social sciences (or another discipline arguably relevant for the chosen research field), with the plan to write a dissertation

- Fluent in English, good command of German
- Experience with statistical software such as Stata, Matlab, SPSS, or R; preferably also good command in syntax writing
- Preferably experienced with cooperating in empirical research projects
- Good knowledge of the institutional setup of Austria's public administration and economic policies
- Passionate in communicating with decision makers in science, politics, business, and society

If you fit this description, you can expect the following at the Institute:

You will do research in ongoing projects at IHS, and also have the opportunity to pursue your scientific interests in the context of your dissertation project. IHS offers excellent conditions for academic publishing and for scholarly exchange on an international level. You will be engaged in an intellectually challenging and exciting environment with an international atmosphere, and flexible and family-friendly working times. The Institute is located in the eighth district of Vienna, with excellent access to public transportation.

The salary offer for one position (30h/week) is **€ 2,100.-** (before taxes) per month (14x). The Institute has an equal opportunity policy, with a special emphasis on increasing the number of women in research positions, and specifically encourages female candidates to apply for the open positions.

Application:

Your application should consist of an academic CV as well as a cover letter. Among other things, the cover letter shall contain your motivation to pursue a PhD, which research field you are interested in (Health Economics and Health Policy; Higher Education; Labor Market and Social Policy; or Public Finance), and at least two contacts for references. Please also enclose your master thesis, or one other paper (unpublished or published) that you consider representative for your writing skills. You may also want to enclose your dissertation outline, if available.

Please send all the documents mentioned above as pdf until **15. June 2018** via E-Mail to:

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The decision on offers will be made no later than mid-July.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to also contact Thomas König.