



INSTITUT FÜR HÖHERE STUDIEN
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
Vienna

Job Opening

Position for Scientific Director

Position available from: Sept. 2021

The [Institute for Advanced Studies \(IHS\)](#) is pleased to announce the position of the Scientific Director of the Institute. The appointment is for a term of five years, reappointment is possible. The salary will reflect the scope of duties and be based on remunerations in comparable positions at universities and non-university research institutions.

IHS is an independent, non-profit and non-university research institute in Vienna (Austria). Since its founding as an economic and social research institute in 1963, IHS was always striving for excellence and has combined academic and applied research. Partly publicly and partly project funded, the Institute employs about 100 researchers and around 25 PhD candidates and brings together high-level expertise from various disciplines (primarily economics, sociology, and political science,) to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices.

Since 2016, the Institute has undergone a profound and successful renewal process, including an external evaluation by a panel of internationally renowned scholars in the previous year. The institute is currently in the early stages of implementing its new medium-term plan. The new scientific director is expected to build on the achievements of recent years and to continue this process.

Job profile:

The new scientific director is expected to have not only an excellent scientific track record, but also an in-depth knowledge of organizational and change management in a scientific research institution. IHS is looking for a leadership personality with international experience in the fields represented at the Institute (economics, sociology, and political science), and with relevant experience in the scientific, organizational and economic management of a non-university research institution.

The willingness to take decisions and to collaborate with an interdisciplinary team, excellent communicative skills, wide-ranging scientific expertise across disciplines, as well as strategic thinking are of the highest importance.

Candidates are expected to have the following qualifications:

- Academic research and teaching in economics and/or social sciences at internationally renowned universities or non-university research institutions
- Strong scientific reputation as well as publications (papers in high-ranking journals) over several years, well-connected within the international scientific community
- Experience in the scientific management of third-party funds projects, and in particular also commissioned research projects
- Comprehensive experience in research and academic management
- Very good command of German and English

Desirable would be

- experience in interdisciplinary research contexts
- a sound understanding of Austrian and European institutional structures.

Your application includes comprehensive documentation of the above-mentioned qualifications, in particular of your scientific activities, your management experience and your leadership skills. Please send your strongly stated application to koenig@ihs.ac.at by **22 March 2021**. Appointed by the IHS Board of Trustees, a search committee will check the applications and will conduct hearings with the short-listed candidates. Based on its informed impressions and deliberations, the committee will propose the three best-suited candidates to the Board of Trustees no later than by the mid of May 2021.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas König. We look forward to your application! Before submitting your application, please read our [privacy policy](#)!