

Call for applications

Two Postdoctoral Researchers in Sociology / Political Science

The Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy (SOCIUM) at the University of Bremen (UB), which is a main institute of UB's Social Sciences Research Focus, **calls for applications** at the earliest possible date for

two Postdoctoral Researchers - Pay grade 13 TV-L (100%).

Both job positions involve the following tasks:

- research in the fields of inequality or social policy,
- inter-institutional coordination of research and training in the above-mentioned subject areas,
- participation in the preparation of applications for third-party funded collaborative research projects.

The two positions are limited to a period of 3 years. The time limit is set according to § 2 (1) WissZeitVG (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz). Accordingly, only applicants who still have valid qualification periods according to § 2 (1) WissZeitVG can be considered.

The first open position (application reference **A39/20**) is affiliated to the working group "Social, Cultural and Economic Inequalities" headed by Prof. Dr. Olaf Groh-Samberg. It carries the function of an **Academic Coordinator of the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)**.

The job as **Academic Coordinator (A39/20)** includes:

- Own research in the field of inequality and cohesion in an international comparative or global perspective, preferably including the field of social policy and the welfare state;
- Supervision and support of BIGSSS doctoral students. This entails serving as contact person for administrative, practical and career-planning questions, as well as advice on methodological, theoretical and content-related questions concerning the doctorate;
- Participation in teaching (4 hours weekly per semester), especially in the curricular program of BIGSSS, and the further development of the BIGSSS training program in the direction of targeted promotion of transfer competencies in the social sciences; and
- Supporting the scientific exchange between BIGSSS, the "Research Institute Social Cohesion", the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Development Dynamics of Social Policy", SOCIUM and InIIS, e.g. through workshops, lecture series and other formats of scientific and organisational exchange.

For further questions please contact Prof. Dr. Olaf Groh-Samberg (olaf.grohsamberg@uni-bremen.de)

The second position (application reference **A40/20**) is affiliated to the research group "Historical and Comparative Welfare State Research" headed by Prof. Dr. Herbert Obinger. It carries the function of a **Coordinator of the International Network on Social Policy** and comprises the following areas of responsibility:

- Own research on social policy in the Global South, preferably with the inclusion of questions of social inequality;
- Development, maintenance and coordination of an international network of experts on social policy or individual social policy areas in the Global South; and
- Supporting scientific exchange between the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Development Dynamics of Social Policy", SOCIUM, InIIS, BIGSSS and the "Research Institute Social Cohesion", e.g. through workshops, lecture series and other formats of scientific and organisational exchange.

For further information please contact Prof. Dr. Herbert Obinger (herbert.obinger@uni-bremen.de).

Conditions of employment for both positions:

- Thematically relevant, very good doctorate in sociology (first position) or political science (second position) or a related field (both positions);
- Excellent command of the English language (written and spoken), additional language skills are an advantage;
- International publications, preferably peer-reviewed;
- Pronounced interest in issues of social policy and/or social inequality, willingness and motivation to work in an interdisciplinary team; and
- Flexibility (willingness to travel on business) and high communication skills.

Please send in your applications with a letter of motivation, CV, and copies of certificates by 14.04.2020 (indicating the relevant application reference number) to:

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SOCIUM - Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy (SOCIUM)
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You may also submit your application electronically. Please send a pdf attachment with a curriculum vitae by e-mail to: socium-applications@uni-bremen.de

We kindly ask you to send only copies of your application documents (no folders). Unfortunately we cannot return originals.