The University of Vienna (20 faculties and centres, 184 fields of study, approx. 10.400 members of staff, about 90.000 students) seeks to fill the position as soon as possible of a

University Assistant (prae doc) at the Department of Geography and Regional Research

Reference number: 14206

Founded in 1885 the Department of Geography and Regional Research (IfGR) is the oldest and largest geography department in Austria. It is home to more than 80 researchers and non-academic staff in eight working groups, as well as more than 3,000 students. Since its foundation, it has continuously expanded into new fields for teaching and research within both human and physical geography. This interdisciplinary basis in social and natural sciences provides a dynamic and inspiring environment for researchers to address critical societal challenges of our generation.

The position is assigned to the Urban Studies Working Group. The Group pursues research on the complexity and interactions of social, ecological and technical processes as well as their impacts on the urban system. The Group works both conceptually-theoretically and empirically on urban sustainability transformations and city- specific challenges with the overall aim of contributing to urban sustainability transformations in Europe and Latin America.

We offer a PhD position in an inspiring inter- and transdisciplinary research environment embedded in the working group's Urban Sustainability Living Lab with the opportunity to become a part of the Vienna International School of Earth and Space Sciences at the Faculty of Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy.

The employment relationship is initially limited to 1.5 years and automatically extended to a total of 3 years unless the employer submits a declaration of nonrenewal after a maximum of 12 months.

Duration of employment: 3 year/s
Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week

Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement: §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

Job Description:

- Development and completion of a paper-based dissertation on an innovative topic related to urban vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (comparative case study analysis is appreciated), with preferably quantitative (and qualitative) assessments of interrelated processes
- Participation in teaching activities of the working group as well as independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement, including supervision of students
- Participation in scientific studies, research projects, publications and other academic activities of the working group
- Participation in the preparation of research proposals and the acquisition of third-party funding
- Contributing to curricula activities, taking on coordination tasks (e.g. Spring School organization, science communication)
- Administrative responsibilities and science communication
- Involvement in the organization of workshops, conferences, etc.

Profile:

- University Master degree in Geography, Environmental Sciences, Sustainable Development, Science and Technology, or related fields
- Interdisciplinary background in urban studies, with a focus on environmental or technology studies, or related topics
- Good knowledge of quantitative research methods, statistics, and GIS (modelling), qualitative methods are an asset
- Experience in conducting empirical research (e.g. in the course of the Master thesis)=
- Excellent command of written and spoken English, working knowledge of German is required or to be acquired, additional languages are an asset

Desirable qualifications are:

- Research or study experiences abroad

Applications have to include:

- Letter of motivation
- Academic curriculum vitae
- List of publications
- Evidence of teaching experience (if available)
- Short doctoral project proposal (1-2 pages)
- Degree certificates

Research fields:

Main research field	Special research fields	Importance
Human Geography, Regional Geography, Regional Planning	Sustainable urban development; Urban planning; Environmental policy; Regional planning; Urban and village renewal; Urban ecology	MUST

Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be submitted via the Job Center to the University of Vienna (http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at) no later than **15.06.2023**, mentioning reference number 14206.

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The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (http://diversity.univie.ac.at/). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.

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