

Job Advertisement

The Institute of Political Science and Sociology at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU), is seeking to fill a position of a

PhD Student (m/f/d)

on a part-time basis (50%) at the Chair of Social Science Sustainability Studies, starting as soon as possible. The position is initially limited to 2 years (with the option for extension). Remuneration is based on the TV-L pay scale, with a raise planned.

About us:

The Professorship of Social Science Sustainability Studies focuses on the challenges and opportunities that arise from new interactions between civil society, science, law, economy, media, politics, and the environment in societal transformations towards sustainability. Our research involves the empirical-analytical study of sustainability governance, including in the context of environmental and climate policy. Another focus is on issues related to knowledge transfer in socio-ecological transformations.

Your tasks:

- Participation in the above-mentioned focus areas of social science sustainability research, including the conception, application, and implementation of research projects.
- Involvement in teaching in bachelor's and master's programs at the Institute of Political Science and Sociology.
- Development and implementation of your own doctoral project
- Participation in administrative tasks as well as public relations

Our expectations:

- Successfully completed social science higher education (Master's, Diploma, or equivalent), e.g., in Political Science, Sociology, or other relevant fields of study
- Demonstrated interest in topics of social science sustainability research
- Advanced knowledge of qualitative and/or quantitative research methods
- Excellent English skills, both written and spoken; French skills are desirable
- Ability to work independently on scientific research and willingness to engage in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration

We offer:

- An inspiring and dynamic research environment in the field of social science sustainability research with a motivated and supportive team
- A varied role with flexible working hours and the option to work remotely, with responsibility and opportunities for shaping the work
- Qualification and career development opportunities for personal advancement, as well as a variety of health and sports offerings
- Integration into an interdisciplinary institute
- Remuneration according to TV-L, company pension scheme, child allowance, and special payments

JMU values the diversity of its members. The JMU aims to reduce the under-representation of women and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration in the case of broadly equal suitability, ability and professional achievements.



How to apply

Please, send your informative application with the usual documents (letter of motivation, CV, certificates and relevant qualifications) preferably by e-mail as a .PDF-file to **Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ulrike Zeigermann** (sowina@uni-wuerzburg.de) by **15.02.2026** at the latest.

Please do not send any original documents to us; only send photocopies. As we have to save costs, we will not be able to return your documents to you. They will be shredded shortly after a hiring decision has been made. If you enclose a postage-paid return envelope, we shall return your application documents to you within three months after a hiring decision has been made. We would like to point out that no travel expenses will be reimbursed for invitations to job interviews.