

Doctoral Position (University Assistant, B1) at the Department of Communication Studies, University of Salzburg, Center for ICT&S, to be filled

The Department of Communication Studies / Center for Information, Communication Technologies & Society (ICT&S) seeks to fill the position of a doctoral candidate (also termed research and teaching assistant) in accordance with the Austrian Universities Act and the Salaried Employees Act (Angestelltengesetz) for a university assistant in accordance with § 26 of the collective agreement for universities (doctoral candidate). This is vacancy category B1; the minimum monthly salary for this position is € 2,786.10 gross (paid 14 x per year) and may be increased on the basis of the collective agreement regulations through the recognition of job-specific previous experience.

- Planned start of employment: as soon as possible
- Duration of employment: 4 years
- Extent of employment in hours per week: 30 (please note that this means full-time for this kind of position according to Austrian law)
- Working hours: by agreement

The Center for ICT&S is concerned with current transformations of the digital age and its consequences for individuals and society. The academic focus of this position is linked to the research profile of the unit and the associated doctoral programme 'Internet & Democracy'. Specific areas of research are phenomena of digitalisation and datafication as reflected in the social fields of sociology, politics, economics and (everyday) cultures of use. The unit's research practice comprises theoretical work, methodological endeavours, and empirical projects. Current research topics include: the sustainability of digital infrastructures, social media narratives of climate change, discourse cultures on social media, digital transformation processes and democracy, current phenomena of digitalisation (artificial intelligence, automation of communication, etc.). [Please consult the staff pages for an overview of research projects and foci at the unit.](#)

Areas of responsibility:

- Scientific support in research and teaching in the Center for ICT&S;
- Administrative tasks;
- Independent research activities including writing and publishing a dissertation;
- The teaching of two semester hours per week (equivalent to 1 course) from the second year of employment.

Essential criteria:

- Completed diploma or master's degree in communication studies or a related social science degree programme;
- Start/acceptance of a thematically suitable doctoral programme at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg as part of the Center for ICT&S.

Desirable criteria:

- Solid knowledge of empirical social science methods and very good written and spoken English;
- Interest in scientific writing;
- Affinity for the research areas social media, digital communication and societal change;
- Experience in project work.

Desired personal qualities:

- Strong communication skills and the ability to work in a team;
- Motivation, meta-level thinking, self-sufficiency, ability to work independently.

For further information, please contact Mario Eigl at mario.eigl@plus.ac.at

Application deadline: 19 March 2025

Please send your application, **quoting the reference number (GZ A 0037/1-2025) of the vacancy ad**, by e-mail to bewerbung@plus.ac.at.

General information:

General information about working at the PLUS can be found here: <https://www.plus.ac.at/personalentwicklung/jobportal/>

The Paris Lodron University of Salzburg aims to increase the proportion of women among academic and general university staff, particularly in management positions, and therefore expressly invites qualified women to apply. Women with equal qualifications will be given priority.

Persons with disabilities or chronic illnesses who fulfil the required qualification criteria are expressly encouraged to apply. For more information, please call +43/662/8044-2462 or visit disability@plus.ac.at.

In order to ensure gender-neutral wording, gender-specific articles, pronouns and adjectives are abbreviated in the text.

Unfortunately, travelling and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with the admission procedure cannot be reimbursed.

Admissions are made in accordance with the provisions of the Universities Act 2002 (UG) and the Salaried Employees Act.