PhD position (Doctoral candidate) in Sociology, Gerontology or related field

Fixed contract

Link to the online announcement and the application form: http://bit.ly/2hZnxRM

The University of Luxembourg is a multilingual, international research University.

The University of Luxembourg (UL) invites applications for a

PhD (Doctoral Candidate) position (m/f) in Sociology, Gerontology or related field

- Ref: R-AGR-3077-10-C
- Keywords: Health and well-being in old age, inequality, life-course work conditions +
- Fixed-term 14 months initial contract, extendable to 36 months, 40 hours/week (full-time)
- Student status

Your role

The successful applicant is expected to investigate work experiences over the life course, such as unemployment or part-time work, and its relations to inequality, as possible determinants of older-age health, cognitive, and/or well-being outcomes. The use of Health and Retirement Studies such as SHARE, ELSA, and HRS that allow for longitudinal and/or comparative research is expected. Further life-course factors (socioeconomic status, education, social network, migration) should be considered where applicable. The training programme offered by the university will provide the successful candidate with the skills and knowledge to take up this challenge. Candidates are encouraged to propose a research topic in the process of applying.

More information on the Doctoral School in Social Sciences here. More information on the supervisors here and here. The doctoral candidate will be working at the PEARL Institute for Research on Socio-Economic Inequality. In case of further questions, please contact Dr Anja Leist (anja.leist@uni.lu).

Your profile

- Master's degree in quantitative Sociology, Gerontology, Psychology or a related field
- Strong background in aging and/or life course topics
- Fluency in English language; good knowledge of another language (French, German) will be considered an asset
- Good knowledge of multivariate statistical methods and software, e.g. Stata, R
- Willingness to work in an inter-cultural and international environment
- Willingness to publish competitively
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Curiosity and self-motivation

We offer
- A dynamic and well-equipped research environment
- Intensive training in scientific and transferable skills, participation in schools, conferences and workshops
- Enrollment as a PhD student in the Doctoral School in Social Sciences at UL
- Personal work space at UL

Further information

The PhD candidate will be affiliated with the newly established Doctoral Training Unit (DTU) on “Migration, Inequalities and Labour Markets” (MINLAB), in the research fields of Economics and Quantitative Sociology. The DTU is competitively funded as a collaboration of two institutes of the University (IRSEI, CREA) and the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). Interest in exchange on socioeconomic inequalities and their relations to labour markets and migration is expected. The DTU has a strong focus on empirical research with advanced multivariate methodology.

Gender policy:
The UL strives to increase the share of female PhD students. Therefore, we explicitly encourage women to apply.

Application submission:
Before proceeding with the submission of your application, please prepare the following documents in English.

- Curriculum vitae
- Motivation letter, must clearly highlight your preference for research in the above-mentioned domain, and, if possible, contain a research proposal (max. one page)
- Publication list (if applicable)
- Coordinates of two persons willing to send a letter of recommendation
- Copies of diplomas, transcripts with grades, with English translation

All documents should be uploaded in pdf format. Please note that incomplete applications or applications without project priorities will not be considered.

Selection process:
Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview or interviewed by phone/skype. Applications submitted online by 31.01.2017 will receive full consideration.