

We are a young, innovative university located in the heart of the Ruhr metropolis. We pride ourselves on outstanding research and teaching, think in terms of opportunities rather than limitations and develop ideas with a view to the future. Diversity is an integral part of our culture as we promote potential and are committed to upholding genuine equity in education.

The University of Duisburg-Essen is seeking a

Pre-doctoral Researcher for 3 years, 65 % FTE

In the Department of **Political Science**, Faculty of Social Sciences, Campus Duisburg, in the ERC project POLITSOLID - *Experimental Analyses of Political Solidarities in Modern European Democracies* (Project Manager: Jan Karem Höhne, Principal Investigator: Achim Goerres, <https://bit.ly/politsolid>)

Paygrade is level 13 of the remuneration system of public employees of the state Northrhine-Westphalia (at least ~ 1,700 € net monthly salary after taxes and health insurance).

Fluency in English is required, some command of German is a plus.

Start Date: 15 Sept – 31 Oct 2021

Your duties: you will assist the project manager and PI with data collection and analysis in search of causal effects on political solidarities in European democracies. Over three years, you will collect individual-level data in lab experiments, international online surveys, and international CATI-assisted panel survey. Furthermore, you will support the development of an experimental online platform. You will manage student research assistants and liaise with commercial agencies. In addition, you will execute statistical analyses of the collected data. Moreover, you will co-author scientific publications with the project team and external collaborators. Finally, you will carry out organisational tasks, such as reporting and workshop organisation.

Required qualifications

- Motivation to pursue a PhD
- Masters degree or equivalent in one of the behavioural of social sciences (e.g. Political Science, Sociology, Psychology) with excellent final marks. Degree must be awarded at the beginning of the contract. At the time of application, candidates with no master degree yet, must show proof of the official deadline of their imminent Master thesis submission.
- Experience with the empirical analysis of individual-level data
- Skills in advanced applied statistics
- Willingness to further train in the areas of statistics, survey analysis, experimental design and programming
- Strong communication skills in written and spoken English
- Experience abroad of 3 months or more

Desired qualifications

- medium or higher command of German
- Experience with experimental designs
- Knowledge of JavaScript, Python or another script language

- Experience with the collection of individual-level data

What we have to offer

- Possibility of pursuing a PhD in internationally comparative political sociology or political psychology with access to the graduate programmes of the faculty and the professional development programmes of the university at large.
- Membership in an internationally oriented team of empirical political scientists at the largest department in Northrhine-Westphalia conducting basic research
- High level of autonomy and flexible hours
- Opportunity to obtain further training within and outside the university
- Family-friendly employer with a nursery and kindergarten for pre-school children

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The University Duisburg-Essen is committed to increasing the share of women among its scientific personnel and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. With regard to disability, where qualifications are equivalent, applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference in the selection process.

Please apply with a one-page letter of motivation in English or German, a CV with no photo or information about age or citizenship, and a PDF of scientific writing sample (e.g. an officially marked seminar paper or thesis), via e-mail to Ms Helga Schulte Helga.Schulte@uni-due.de If you have any questions, please contact Dr Jan Karem Höhne (Jan.Hoehne@uni-due.de)
Deadline: 14 July 2021 (Reference number 487-21).

