Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

The European University Viadrina is an international and interdisciplinary university located in the twin cities of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice, on the Polish and German sides of the Oder River, where it educates approximately 4,000 students from around the world. It embodies the European ideal in its daily life, promotes European integration through teaching and research, and—with approximately 300 academic and 300 non-academic staff members—forms a community that is particularly committed to successful communication and cooperation with Eastern Europe.

Research Associate (f/m/x/d) |Postdoc

City: Frankfurt (Oder); Starting date (earliest): 01/02/27; Duration: 31.01.2031;
Remuneration: 13 TV-L; Reference number: 1513-26-01; Closing date: 13/12/26

Tasks

The Chair for Digital Political Communication at the European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) is seeking to fill the position of a

Research Associate (f/m/x/d) |Postdoc
Reference Number 1513-26-01
(up to Pay Grade 13 TV-L, 40 hours / week)

The post is for a fixed term of four years, with the option of extension. A part-time arrangement is possible.
In principle, progression to pay grade 14 TV-L is possible subject to outstanding academic achievements, the corresponding assignment of more senior duties and fulfilment of the conditions set out in the collective agreement.

The European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) is a transdisciplinary teaching and research institution at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder). It combines law, politics, communication, economics and social sciences with technical expertise to understand and shape the impact of the digital transformation on European societies.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Teaching a load of 4 hours per week over four semesters
- Your own research work and academic development, in particular through a habilitation or further academic achievements (at least 50 per cent of working hours)
- participation in academic self-governance and in the further development of the chair’s research profile
- contribution to the development and application for third-party funded projects
- independent publication and dissemination of research findings in international peer-reviewed journals and at national and international academic conferences

Requirements

- A PhD in Communication Studies, Political Science or related social science disciplines; a specialisation in Political Communication or Digital Communication would be an advantage
- Experience with and demonstrable knowledge of quantitative empirical social research and computer-assisted research methods (e.g. SPSS, Stata, R, Python); experience in research using social media data would be an advantage
- An interest in computational social science, digital communication and interdisciplinary research questions
- An interest in political and media systems in Central and Eastern Europe
- A strong ability to work independently and take personal responsibility
- Very good written and spoken English (ideally C1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR); Knowledge of one or more Central and Eastern European languages would be an advantage
- Ability to work in a team and good interpersonal skills

What we offer

- attractive pay with financial stability, regular pay rises in line with collective agreements and an additional annual bonus
- employer-provided benefits (e.g. pension scheme via VBL, capital-forming benefits, Jobticket)
- statutory annual leave plus days off on 24 and 31 December
- flexible working arrangements and family-friendly working conditions

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Application

Please submit your application by 13.12.2026, quoting the reference number above, as a single PDF file to: bewerbung@europa-uni.de (Application data will be deleted immediately upon completion of the selection process). If you have any enquiries regarding the position, please email ens@europa-uni.de directly.

Applications must be submitted digitally and include the following documents: a covering letter (maximum 2 pages), a detailed CV, a list of publications, and a sample publication (PDF).

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By email: bewerbung@uni.de