Looking for a postdoc at MEDem-HQ

The European research infrastructure MEDem (Monitoring Electoral Democracy) is offering a postdoctoral position as a Scientific Project Assistant.

The MEDem Headquarters, situated at the University of Vienna, is institutionally supported by both the Department of Communication and the Department of Government. Both departments are part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The advertised post is based at the Department of Communication.

We are looking for a postdoctoral researcher with experience in social science research data management. The position is focused on building national and international data infrastructures in the research area of democracy, media, and elections.

The position is initially on a fixed-term contract for 1.5 years.

Your tasks:

- Contribute to the development and coordination of Monitoring Electoral Democracy (MEDem), a European Research Infrastructure for political democracy, communication and election research, particularly at the MEDem headquarters
- Further development of (meta-)data models and harmonisation of common standards to promote the interoperability and linkability of different research data
- Coordination and integration of (inter)national research networks
- International publication and presentation activities on the topics of data management, research infrastructure, and democracy research

Your profile:

- PhD in Communication Studies or Political Science or related disciplines
- Experience in research management of different quantitative social science data, such as the development, processing, analysis, and archiving of survey data, context data, or text data
- Excellent knowledge of the following statistical software programs: R and/ or Python

- Interest in establishing, operating, and further developing research infrastructure (e.g., data pipelines, repositories, analysis and reproducibility environments)
- In-depth knowledge of reproducibility and the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable), including data management plans and data curation processes
- Publications in international peer-reviewed journals and/or publications
- Experience in submitting project proposals and participating in projects (preferably international projects)
- Excellent command of English

What we offer:

- Inspiring working atmosphere: You will be part of an international team with excellent research infrastructure.
- Good public transport connections: Your new workplace is easily accessible by public transport.
- Internal training and coaching: We offer you the opportunity to develop your skills.
- Equal opportunities for all: We welcome every new personality to the team!

It's that easy to apply:

- With your letter of motivation
- With your scientific CV including a list of publications and details of your expertise in the field of research data management
- With a description of your research interests and methodological skills (max. 1 p.)
- With a certificate of completed doctoral/PhD studies

Please send your application, together with all the necessary supporting documents, to:

Emmanuel Meillan
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He is also available at this email address to answer any queries you may have regarding the vacancy.

Information about MEDem is available at https://www.medem.eu/

The University of Vienna pursues an anti-discriminatory recruitment policy and emphasises equal opportunities, the advancement of women and diversity. We aim to increase the proportion of women among academic and general university staff, particularly in management positions, and therefore expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Women with equal qualifications are given priority.

Application deadline: 08.12.2026

Appointment from: 01.01.2027

Hours: 40.00
Classification KV: §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc)
Basic salary: 5.014,30€ gross (14 times a year).

Fixed term until: 30.06.2028