

The University of Vienna (20 faculties and centres, 179 fields of study, approx. 10.000 members of staff, about 90.000 students) seeks to fill the position starting from 1. September 2023 of a

University Assistant (prae doc) at the Faculty of Catholic Theology

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Reference number: 773

At the Department of Systematic Theology and Ethics, at the Chair of Social Ethics, a pre-doctoral position is to be filled for a period of 4 years. We are looking for a candidate with academic ambitions who is willing to conduct independent research in the field of social ethics as part of a dissertation project. The topic of such a research project is preferably in the field of ethics of technology, ethics of digitalisation/digitality and/or artificial intelligence, media ethics or technology, communication and society.

At the department of Social Ethics, research is carried out with regard to empirical social sciences and social theory and with methods from philosophy and the humanities. As a subject of theological ethics, the field of social ethics has a philosophical-ethical profile. It reflects the connections between belief, religion and ethics. In addition to the fundamental questions of Christian social ethics, the department of social ethics focuses on technology (digitality, automation) and society, media ethics, political ethics, peace ethics and business ethics. The department offers the opportunity to research and teach in an internationally networked team while developing your own academic profile. The department, consisting of 1 professorship, 1 PostDoc, 1 PraeDoc and 1 administrative colleague, offers you the opportunity to research and teach in an internationally networked team while developing your own academic profile.

Duration of employment: 4 years, whereby the employment relationship is initially limited to 1.5 years and is automatically extended to a total of 4 years, unless the employer declares non-extension after a maximum of 12 months.

Extent of Employment and Grading: 30 hours/week; [Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement](#); §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

Your future tasks:

You will actively participate in the research and teaching programme of the Department of Social Ethics as well as take on administrative tasks. This includes:

- You will contribute to research projects and studies in the field of social ethics.
- We expect you to complete your dissertation agreement within 12-18 months.
- You will work on your dissertation and its completion.
- You will collaborate in the conception, creation and implementation of publications / academic articles.
- You will be involved in the organisation of meetings, conferences and symposia.
- You will independently teach in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement and supervise students.
- You will take on administrative tasks in research and teaching.

This is part of your personality:

A completed diploma or master's degree in theology, philosophy, political, social or cultural sciences with a focus in the area of social issues such as media (ethics) and public communication or technology (ethics) is expected. The following skills are also expected

- High ability to express yourself both orally and in writing
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- German language skills on at least B1 level
- IT user skills (MS-Office)
- Ability to work in a team

Desirable qualifications are

- Knowledge in the scientific field of ethics and/or the (critical) analysis of society.
- Knowledge of another foreign language
- First experience working in an academic environment
- Experience abroad
- Teaching experience and experience in participating in research projects
- Knowledge of university processes and structures

It is that easy to apply:

- With your scientific curriculum vitae
- Cover letter including a short outline of the doctoral project (ca. 3 pages)
- Degree certificates
- Scientific thesis (e.g. Master's thesis)
- List of publications, evidence of teaching experience (if applicable)

Your Application:

Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be submitted via the Job Center to the University of Vienna (<https://jobs.univie.ac.at/>) **no later than 28.07.2023**.

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The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (<http://diversity.univie.ac.at/>). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.

Human Resources and Gender Equality of the University of Vienna

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