

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 as soon as possible of a

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

(see [Jobcenter University of Vienna](#)).

Reference number: 13089

At the Department of Systematic Theology and Ethics, at the Chair of Social Ethics, a prae-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 lies preferably in the field of ethics of technology or technology and society (e.g. ethics of digitalisation/digitality and/or artificial intelligence).

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.

**Duration of employment:** 4 years, with the employment initially limited to 1.5 years and automatically extended to a total of 4 years, unless the employer submits a non-renewal declaration 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.

## Job Description:

Active participation in research, teaching and administration. This involves

- Participation in and implementation of research projects / scientific studies in the field of social ethics
- Independent scientific research was part of a dissertation project  
(We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12-18 months)
- Participation in publications / academic articles / presentations  
Involvement in the organisation of meetings, conferences, symposiums
- Participation in teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement
- Supervision of students
- Involvement in the department administration as well as in teaching and research administration.

## Profile:

A completed diploma or master's degree in theology, philosophy, political, social or cultural sciences with a focus in the area of social issues is expected. The following 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 in scientific work
- Experience abroad
- Teaching experience and experience in participating in research projects
- Knowledge of university processes and structures

### Application documents:

- Cover letter including a short outline of the doctoral project (ca. 3 pages)
- Academic curriculum vitae
- 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://personalwesen.univie.ac.at/en/jobs-recruiting/job-center/>) **no later than 18.05.2022, mentioning reference number 13089.**

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