At the University of Bremen, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology and the SOCIUM –Research Institute Inequality and Social Policy

we are currently searching a highly motivated and excellently qualified **doctoral student (qualitative empirical social research, social network research) for a 50% position, 3 years starting March 2020**.

The time limitation is based on § 2 (1) WissZeitVG (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, i.e. temporary science employment act). Therefore, candidates may only be considered who dispose of the respective scope of qualification periods according to § 2 (1) WissZeitVG.

The doctoral student will be working with the research group of Prof. Dr. Betina Hollstein. Our research topics include social networks, life-course, social inequality, and methods of empirical social research (qualitative and quantitative). The position includes cooperation in a joint research project, publications, and a small amount of teaching (B.A. „Sociology“, Research Master Program „Sociology and Empirical Social Research”).

The doctoral researcher will be working in a joint international project on the qualitative analysis of social networks (multi informant networks; cooperation with the working group of Laura Koehly, PhD, at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA).

We are looking for a highly motivated candidate with a master degree, ideally in sociology or a related social science.

Desired are

* training and experience in interview-based qualitative methods;
* either coursework or other forms of training in social networks are not required but strongly preferred;
* participation and preparation of a doctoral thesis within a mixed-methods project on multi-informant support networks;
* initiative, independence, drive, efficiency, productivity, the ability to work in groups, and a commitment to high quality social science research;
* advanced language skills in English, both in speaking and writing is required, as the Research Group’s working language is English, proficiency in German is highly welcome but not mandatory.

Salary and benefits are linked to the German employee scale TVL13 (50%). International candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

For further information please contact Prof. Dr. Betina Hollstein ([betina.hollstein@uni-bremen.de](mailto:betina.hollstein@uni-bremen.de)).

The review process will begin on January 16, 2020. Applications and inquiries should preferably be sent electronically by **January 15, 2020** with the **reference number A301/19** to

- Uni­versi­­tät Bremen, SOCIUM - Forschungszentrum Ungleichheit und Sozialpolitik, Verwaltung, Frau Lafferenz, Postfach 33 04 40, 28334 Bremen, Germany or

- electronically as pdf-attachment via e-mail with VC to [socium-bewerbungen@uni-bremen.de](mailto:socium-bewerbungen@uni-bremen.de)

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

Beside your CV and copies of academic certificates, applications must include a letter of motivation as a pdf file.

The University of Bremen has received a number of awards for its gender and diversity policies and is particularly aiming to increase the number of female researchers. Applications from female candidates, international applications and applications of academics with a migration background are explicitly welcome. Disabled persons with the same professional and personal qualifications will be given preference.

The **University of Bremen**, a mid-sized university with approximately 250 professorships and 20,000 students, offers a broad range of disciplines and competes internationally in top-level research.