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The Advertising & Media Psychology Research Group at the Department of Communication, a subunit of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna, seeks to fill the position of an

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within the European Union-funded project **ENCODE: Unveiling Emotional Dimensions of Politics to Foster European Democracy**. The project aims to understand how emotions in response to social media content shape political opinions and engagement, is led by Professor Jörg Matthes and runs from 2024-2027. The position is advertised to an extent of 30 hours/week (75%) for a period of 27 months (until May 31, 2027), with the position ideally to be filled by March 1, 2025.

Job description

You are part of the ENCODE project, which means:

- You actively collaborate in the area of empirical content, reception and effects research, especially in the area of political communication.
- You aim to publish your research in international highly-ranked journals.
- You aim to present your research at national and international conferences, meetings, and symposia.
- You actively engage in applying for third-party funded projects.
- You will be working on reports, deliverables and support the organizational aspects of the project.
- The signing of a doctoral thesis agreement within 12-18 months of employment is expected.

Requirements

- You have obtained a completed MA / Magister degree in Communication Science or a related discipline.
- You have in-depth knowledge of methods of empirical social research, especially quantitative methods and statistical data analysis.
- You are interested in an international research orientation.
- Excellent computer literacy
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Ability to work in teams and distinct organizational skills

Our offer

We offer an attractive opportunity within an international-oriented research group and a multi-disciplinary project, situated at one of the world's leading Departments in the field of communication research.

- **Work-life balance**

We offer the opportunity to work remote upon agreement (maximum of 50% of working time).

- **Inspiring working atmosphere**

An internationally-oriented team and department with outstanding research infrastructure and comfortable working environment.

- **Appreciative team culture**

As a team, we regularly meet for exchange during team meetings and a range of team activities (team lunch, team retreat, Christmas party, etc.).

- **Excellent public transport connections**

We offer an attractive workplace in the heart of Vienna which is easily accessible by public transport.

- **Internal further training & coaching**

The University of Vienna offers a wide range of opportunities for internal training as well as enhancement of personal skills.

Salary

The current (2025) monthly salary for this position at an extent of employment of 75% is **€ 2.786,10 gross** and will be paid 14 times a year for a period of 27 months (i.e., the duration of the contract). The basic salary can increase in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement if we can credit prior professional experience.

If you are interested in working with us, please include the following documents in your application:

- A letter of intent
- Your scientific curriculum vitae
- Your list of publications and a list of presentations (if applicable)
- The PDF of your MA or Magister thesis
- Your transcript of records

Applications in English should be submitted via eMail to Mario Freyer (mario.freyer@univie.ac.at). The deadline for applications is January 27, 2025.

If you have any questions about the project ENCODE, please contact Professor Jörg Matthes (joerg.matthes@univie.ac.at). If you have any questions or queries about the application process, please contact Mario Freyer.