



CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA  
Department of Social and Preventive Medicine

## **Research Position for a Social Scientist (Medical Doctor/Epidemiologist with social science experience)**

We are looking for a highly qualified and motivated **social scientist (medical doctor/epidemiologist)** (experienced Pre-Doc or PostDoc) to support us in our new European Horizon 2020 project **Global Social Sciences Network for Infectious Threats and Antimicrobial Resistance (SoNAR-Global)** at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. The project will start in early 2019 and last for three years. The post is for 30 hours/week and the applicant will have the opportunity to pursue a PhD in Public Health.

The **Medical University of Vienna (MUW)** ([www.meduniwien.ac.at](http://www.meduniwien.ac.at)) is one of the longest-standing medical training and research institutions in Europe. It is today the largest medical training facility in the German-speaking region and one of the most important top-level research institutions in Europe. It includes Europe's largest hospital, the AKH in Vienna, with all of its medical staff. The three cornerstones of research, education and the treatment of patients contribute equally to the medical and scientific quality of the University.

The **Unit Medical Anthropology and Global Health** within the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at the Center for Public Health has longstanding experience in international cooperation on the European and international level, particularly in the field of applied medical anthropology, the anthropology of infectious disease (spec. Ebola), health workers & communities in epidemic response, vulnerability and access to health care, as well as international migration and health.

**SoNAR-Global** is a global consortium led by social scientists specializing in emerging infectious diseases (EID) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). It will build a dynamic, sustainable international social science network to engage the active participation of social sciences and promote complementarity and synergy in the governance of prevention and response to infectious threats.

Partnering with major international and regional institutions, it allows for implementation of its activities through a coherent, iterative program that builds governance from the start. An open-access platform will be developed to support the SoNAR-Global activities and to share them broadly. That platform will support a global directory of social sciences experts, institutions, networks, and other relevant stakeholders and facilitate collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and regions through regional hub discussion groups and meetings. To develop new governance models, SoNAR-Global will adapt, test, and evaluate vulnerability assessment tools on the ground. These tools permit us to develop a bottom-up resilience framework for action for infectious threats and AMR.

In addition, we will test adaptive dialogued-based engagement models to facilitate collaboration across multiple stakeholders. Together, the scaled-up tools, resilience framework and engagement models will provide social scientists with proven methods for strengthening preparedness and response. To strengthen social sciences capacity, SoNAR-

Global will develop and pilot curricula for training social scientists in preparedness and response to infectious threats and through curricular development and piloting social science knowledge of infectious threats among non-social sciences actors. The platform will disseminate, communicate and scale up all tools, frameworks, engagement models and curricula.

The project team at MUW is lead by **Ruth Kutalek**, Associate Professor at the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Center for Public Health, and Head of the Unit Medical Anthropology and Global Health.

## **Essential duties and responsibilities**

The candidate will work in an international multidisciplinary project. He/she will have to perform a structured review in the first 6 months of the project and assist in achieving the deliverables of two work packages.

Candidates are expected to be available for fieldwork and travel abroad, as well as to play an active role in the organization and administration of the project at MUW, and in joint publication projects.

## **Your profile**

Minimum requirement is a master degree in social sciences (social anthropology, medical anthropology, science and technology studies, sociology), medicine or epidemiology. Candidates should have a background in global health related fields and good working knowledge in one or more of the following areas: infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, community engagement, prevention and response to infectious threats, vulnerability assessment, One Health, or action frameworks.

Position applicants should have a strong background in qualitative research methods, with proven experience in ethnographic field research and working in challenging social settings. Experience in conducting structured reviews are an asset.

**Candidates need to be fluent in German.** As the working language in the SoNAR-Global project and the language of publications will be mainly in English, candidates also need to have a strong English-language proficiency. Other language skills such as French or Luganda are an asset.

## **Our offer**

The position is paid according to the collective labor agreement for universities in Austria and is offered until the end of the overall project (December 2021). The workplace is Vienna, Austria, except when undertaking field research.

The Medical University of Vienna is committed to raising the proportion of women in leadership functions and academic staff; we thus explicitly encourage applications by women. Women are preferred in the hiring process when equal qualifications are given.

Information regarding the General Data Protection Regulation is available at [www.meduniwien.ac.at/datenschutz/bewerbungen\\_en](http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/datenschutz/bewerbungen_en).

## Application

Please submit your application electronically to [ruth.kutalek@meduniwien.ac.at](mailto:ruth.kutalek@meduniwien.ac.at) as soon as possible but latest by November 12th, 2018. Short-listed candidates will be invited to a face-to-face or skype interview.

Applicants should send the following documentation (in **one** pdf or zip-file):

- a cover letter outlining your research trajectory and interest in the position of **maximum one page** (12.0 Times New Roman with a minimum of 1.5 spaces),
- a CV, including a list of publications,
- a writing sample (e.g. a published article or full thesis chapter),
- photocopies of university degrees,
- the names and contact details of two potential referees