

The project „Family relationships and child wellbeing in post-separation families“, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), invites applications to join our project team, starting in February 2020 or later as a

PhD researcher

The project takes place at the MZES—an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim, dedicated to comparative European social research and the analysis of European integration processes. It is Germany's largest university-based social science research center.

The focus of the project is on social inequality arising from family structure. The central research question is whether high relationship quality within post-separation families, e.g., the relationship quality between the nonresident parent and the child, can buffer the expected adverse effect of growing up in a post-separation family on child wellbeing. For this purpose, secondary, longitudinal data analyses (e.g., pairfam) will be conducted.

Payment will be 65% of a full TV-L E13 position (according to the collective agreement applicable to the University of Mannheim). The monthly payment amounts to approx. €2,500 before taxes in the first year, increasing to approx. €2,800 before taxes in the second and third year.

Candidates are expected to:

- Prepare and analyse secondary data, especially multi-actor and longitudinal datasets
- Assist in presenting results of the project at scientific conferences or in journal articles
- Write and publish peer-reviewed journal articles
- Assist in preparing a workshop and in writing a Policy Brief

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Excellent master's degree in sociology or a related discipline
- Experience/expertise in research methods and quantitative analyses of multi-actor datasets and/ or large scale longitudinal data
- Experience with at least one statistic software, e.g., Stata, R or MPlus
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- Strong interest in the topic of the project

In principle, the position can be shared. The University of Mannheim is an equal opportunity employer and particularly encourages applications from women and persons with disabilities.

Applications including a cover letter, indicating your earliest availability, a CV, and copies of degree certificates must be submitted by **December 15, 2019**. Please send your application as **one pdf** to Sandra Krapf: skrapf@mail.uni-mannheim.de or by postal mail to University of Mannheim, MZES, Sandra Krapf, 68161 Mannheim, Germany. For further questions about the position or the project, please contact Sandra Krapf.



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