

In a joint appointment procedure of GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences and the University of Mannheim, a

**Scientific Head
of the department “Survey Design and Methodology” (SDM)**

at the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim location, is to be filled at the earliest possible date. At the same time, the appointment is made in accordance with the “Jülich Model” (for Joint Professorial Appointments) to a

**W3 professorship for
Survey Methodology**

at the School of Social Sciences of the University of Mannheim. The initial appointment will be for five years, with the aim of tenure. Exact modalities of the position will be agreed upon with the successful applicant. The professorship is located at the University of Mannheim and is associated with a teaching obligation of two semester hours per week in the programs in Political Science, Psychology or Sociology at the School of Social Sciences. The appointment requirements are based on § 47 of the Baden-Württemberg State Higher Education Act.

GESIS is the largest research-based service provider for the social sciences in Europe and is known for independence, reliability, quality, and competence in the social sciences. GESIS is funded by the German federal and state governments and is a member of the Leibniz Association. The department Survey Design and Methodology (SDM) is both nationally and internationally recognized for its expertise in survey methodology, gained over many years by conducting own research as well as consulting on and implementing renowned survey projects. SDM supports researchers in collecting high-quality survey data. To this end, SDM provides guidance and methods for collecting and assessing the quality of these data.

Your tasks will be:

- You will manage the department “Survey Design and Methodology” and head its dedicated staff of over 50 employees
- You will be responsible for and manage the development and expansion of the department’s infrastructure services and research in the field of survey methodology
- You will be participating in the strategic decision-making within the GESIS Board of Directors

Your profile:

- You hold a doctorate and a habilitation, or qualifications equivalent to a habilitation in a social science or related subject

- Your research focuses on survey methodology, and you are well-connected within the relevant national and international research communities
- You have published research results in high-impact, internationally visible journals and a proven record of success in obtaining external funding from national or international programs
- You have a strong leadership personality, you have experience and skills in motivating team members, and you enjoy shaping an organizational unit (management skills may have to be demonstrated in an assessment center)
- Ideally, you already have first-hand experience in creating and operating infrastructures
- You are proficient in both English and German or willing to acquire German language skills on C2-level

GESIS and the University of Mannheim value transparent and replicable research and support these objectives through Open Data, Open Source, and Open Methodology. Applicants are therefore asked to explain in their cover letter how they have already pursued these objectives and how they would like to pursue them in the future.

The European "audit berufundfamilie" confirms that GESIS offers a sustainable framework for the compatibility of career and family. Therefore, family periods are taken into account when calculating academic age and should be indicated in the curriculum vitae. GESIS and the University of Mannheim strive to increase the share of women in scientific leadership positions and therefore strongly encourage qualified women to apply.

Applicants with disabilities are treated with preference given comparable qualification.

GESIS offers a competitive salary. Please send applications with the usual documents (cover letter, CV, and list of publications) to Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf and Dr. Julian Dierkes. Application deadline is **04/05/2025**.

For further information concerning the tasks, please contact Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf via [E-Mail](#). If you have questions about the application process, please contact Dr. Charlotte Becker via [E-Mail](#).

Please [apply via the Online-application portal](#).

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