



The **Chair for Social Data Science and Methodology** at the School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim is offering a part-time position as

Doctoral Researcher (75%) (all genders)

starting as soon as possible.

We are looking for an early career researcher to join the EU-funded project- **Smart Survey Implementation (SSI)**. The SSI project seeks to advance data collection in official statistics across Europe by integrating smart survey methods. Central to the project is the development and testing of a smartphone application for real-time recording of financial transactions, intended for use in official European statistics. The team at the University of Mannheim coordinates participant recruitment across several countries and, in partnership with the German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis), leads data collection efforts in Germany.

Your tasks include:

- Research on recruitment for smart survey
- Monitoring of fieldwork in Germany (coordination with field service provider, handling respondent requests, response control, cooperation with DESTATIS)
- Analysis of experimental data from Germany, Belgium, and Norway (pre-registration of a suitable analysis method for a response experiment, application of inferential statistical methods, calculation of response rates and bias measures, cross-national comparison)
- Collaboration in the SSI consortium (regular exchange with participating countries, preparation of reports for EUROSTAT)

Your profile:

Candidates considered for the position will have the following **necessary qualifications**:

- A very good university degree (Master's, Magister, or Diploma) in sociology, political science, psychology or the related social sciences
- Solid knowledge of the quantitative methods of empirical social research, in particular survey methodology and applied statistics
- Interest in working on new survey methods, especially app-based surveys
- Programming skills in R, Python, and/or Stata

The **University of Mannheim** is one of the leading universities in Germany with approximately 12,000 students in five schools. Particularly in business and economics as well as in the social sciences the university ranks among the top institutions both at national and international level. More than 2,600 employees profit from an exciting work environment with numerous benefits.

Key information

Start: as soon as possible

Term: 3 years

Remuneration bracket: E 13 TV-L BW

Weekly hours: 29,625 hours

Application deadline:
31 Juli 2024

Reference number: SSI_PhD01

- High organizational talent
- Excellent communication skills in English
- At least written and oral knowledge of German comparable to level B1 or the willingness to develop the same within 12 months after starting work

Strong candidates for this position will have the following **additional qualifications**:

- Interest in pursuing a doctoral degree

What we offer:

The position comes with a number of **exciting opportunities**:

- Working on cutting-edge methodological research in an applied setting in an international context
- Working in a collaborative, creative, and inspiring international team with world-leading experts in the city of Mannheim
- Pursuing a PhD through the Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences (CDSS) at the University of Mannheim (upon acceptance into the CDSS program)
- Ample networking and professional development opportunities at world-leading universities



Outstanding research culture



Flexible work time and workplace models (flexitime, telework)



Innovative academic working environment

Applications from persons with a disability (minimum 50 %) are given preferential consideration provided that they are appropriately qualified. The University of Mannheim is committed to increasing the quota of women and thus encourages women with appropriate qualifications to apply.

If you are interested in applying, please send your application documents via e-mail **by 31 July 2024 at the latest**:

sodas-methods@uni-mannheim.de

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Florian Keusch at

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Data protection

Please find detailed information on the collection of personal data from the data subject according to Article 13 GDPR on the university's homepage: www.uni-mannheim.de/datenschutz-bei-bewerbungen.

Submitted application documents will only be returned if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, they will be destroyed in accordance with current data protection law after the application procedure has ended. Electronic applications will be deleted accordingly..

If you apply by e-mail, please note that protection of confidential data cannot be guaranteed as unauthorized third parties might gain access to unencrypted e-mails during transmission.