

Position Announcement

Postdoctoral Scholar (Research Scientist) Laboratory of Fertility and Well-Being

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is seeking to appoint a **postdoctoral scholar** with a PhD in demography, sociology, affective science or a closely related field to join the Lab of Fertility and Wellbeing.

The successful candidate will contribute to research on fertility and family formation, and on linkages between **family formation**, well-being/emotion and/or ideational/cultural aspects from both a macro- and micro-level perspective. They will work collaboratively with Mikko Myrskylä and Natalie Nitsche, but will also have the opportunity to pursue their own research agenda.

We are seeking a productive, self-driven, and collaborative scholar with **either a strong background in statistical modeling or in affective science**. Experience with either large datasets or the study of emotion is desired, experience with modeling population-level processes is preferred but not a prerequisite. Strong verbal and written communication skills are expected.

MPIDR is one of the leading demographic centers in the world. It is part of the Max Planck Society, a network of 86 institutes that form Germany's premier basic-research organization. Max Planck Institutes have an established record of world-class, foundational research in the sciences, technology, social sciences and the humanities. They offer a unique environment that combines the best aspects of an academic setting and a research laboratory.

Please apply online via www.demogr.mpg.de/go/JobAd877738 and include the following documents:

- 1 Curriculum Vitae
- 2 Letter of interest (1-2 pages)
Briefly state why you are interested in joining MPIDR, how MPIDR could foster your professional development and career trajectory, and in which ways your interests fit the research strengths of MPIDR.
- 3 Research Statement (2-3 pages)
Briefly describe your research accomplishments, as well as ongoing and future research plans. Please also describe your technical skills, areas of expertise, as well as the type of advanced training that you would like to receive as a research scientist.
- 4 Names and contact information for 3 academic references
- 5 Two writing samples or publications

In order to receive full consideration, applications should be submitted by **March 1st, 2020**; later submission will be accepted until the position is filled. The starting date is flexible, but no later than Fall 2020. Successful applicants will be offered a 3-year contract with remuneration commensurate to experience (starting from approx. 55,000 EUR gross per year for researchers who have just completed their PhD, up to approx. 70,000 EUR gross per year for more senior scientists), based on the salary structure of the German public sector (Öffentlicher Dienst, TVöD Bund). For inquiries about the position, please contact nitsche@demogr.mpg.de.

Our institute values diversity and is committed to employing individuals from minorities. Individuals with severe disability are especially welcome to apply. Our Institute and the Max Planck Society also seek to increase the proportion of women in areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourage women to apply.

