



Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute

The Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) is a research institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and affiliated with Groningen University. It is located in the centre of The Hague. The staff of the institute consists of about 50 persons, mostly researchers. In an ERC-funded project on ‘Contexts of Opportunity: Explaining Cross-National Variation in the Links Between Childhood Disadvantage, Young Adult Demographic Behaviour and Later-Life Outcomes’ (CONOPP) there is a vacancy for a:

PhD ‘Later-life consequences of childhood disadvantage’

Background

CONOPP is a project funded by an Advanced Grant of the European Research Council to Aart Liefbroer. The aim of the project is to study cross-national variation in the strength of the linkages between childhood disadvantage, young adult demographic behaviour and social, economic and health-related outcomes later in life.

This PhD project will study the link between childhood disadvantage and demographic decisions in young adulthood on the one hand, and social network, health and socio-economic outcomes later in the life course on the other hand. The focus will be on examining and explaining cross-national differences in the strength of the relationships between childhood disadvantage, young adult demographic behaviours and later life outcomes. The main dataset that will be used is the Generations and Gender Survey.

Job description

The PhD student will write a dissertation, based on a set of research articles, publishable in international refereed journals. He/she will participate in meetings of the project team, the NIDI Theme Group on Families & Generations, and other relevant groups. He/she is expected to contribute to the preparation of datasets to be used in the CONOPP project as a whole.

Qualifications

Candidates should have:

- Completed a Research Master in Demography, Sociology or a comparable background
- Solid knowledge of statistical methods for the analysis of data from individual and/or household surveys
- Knowledge of family demography, social inequality and welfare states literatures
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Good writing and social skills

Appointment and salary

The candidates are expected to start early 2015. The initial appointment will be for a period of 1 year. After positive evaluation, the appointment will be extended for another 2¼ years. A psychological assessment will be part of the selection procedure.

The gross monthly salary will be between €2042 (year 1) and €2612 (year 4). Benefits include pension contribution, annual holiday premium of 8% and an end-of-year premium of 8.3%. Non-Dutch nationals may be eligible for a substantial tax break (30% ruling). Applicants should have the right to work in the Netherlands for the duration of the contract.

Place of work

Lange Houtstraat 19, The Hague

Information

For additional information you may contact prof. dr. A.C. Liefbroer (email: liefbroer@nidi.nl, or phone: +31 703565230).

Application procedure

Candidates are invited to submit their application in English. Applicants should send:

1. letter of motivation, including a motivated preference for one of the two PhD projects
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. names and addresses of three referees

The deadline for submitting your application is **November 16, 2014**. Please send your application to the director of NIDI, prof. dr L.J.G. van Wissen (directie@nidi.nl).

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