

**Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Economics and Business**

Starting date: January 8, 2024
Application deadline: September 17, 2023
Full- Or Part-Time: Full-time
Location: Vienna

The Department of Economics and Business of the Central European University (CEU) invites applications for the position of a **Postdoctoral Researcher for the duration of two years.**

We are looking for an outstanding postdoctoral researcher to join our project “**Multidimensional Intergenerational Social Mobility and Pathways to Upward Mobility in Austria**”. In this project, we will use novel administrative data to examine the causal mechanisms that shape social mobility in Austria. With this data, we will investigate the extent to which the luck of being born into a specific family is mitigated by factors such as neighborhoods, education and training, and local labor markets.

The positions will be based at the Department of Economics and Business at the Central European University for the duration of two years. The position will start in January 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. You will be working as an integral part of a larger research team based at Vienna University of Economics and Business and the Central European University and with the Principal Investigators Franziska Disslbacher, Alice Kügler and Petra Sauer, and a PhD candidate.

Qualifications

- Completed or are close to obtaining a PhD Economics or a related field relevant for the successful conduct of quantitative research on intergenerational mobility.
- Proven expertise and research background in one or more of the following fields: intergenerational mobility, economics of inequality, labor economics, public economics.
- Proven skills and experience in quantitative methods (applied econometrics) which demonstrate your capacity to conduct original and rigorous research.
- Experience working with micro-data and/or large datasets, and ideally, you have worked with administrative data such as tax data or social insurance records.
- Evidence of the capacity to prepare excellent publications.
- Commitment to high quality research.
- Ability to work independently as well as to work collaboratively as part of a team and willingness to take responsibility for tasks.
- Effective written and verbal communication and time and task management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and intellectual breadth.
- Outstanding knowledge of statistical and econometrics software, such as R (preferred) or STATA.
- Ideally you have some experience in communicating research findings to diverse and non-academic audiences.

Fluency in English is essential. Knowledge of German is not a requirement but an advantage.

What to expect

- You will conduct innovative and high-quality research on intergenerational social mobility and its underlying mechanisms.

- You will have a central role in all aspects of the research process, from data construction and analysis to drafting and publishing academic papers.
- You will work with novel datasets constructed from administrative data on earnings, income, taxation and transfers, education, and firms.
- You will be part of an interdisciplinary team delivering high-impact research that is publishable in top international academic journals.
- You will present your research at international conferences, with funding for travel expenses available.
- You will be involved in a wide range of project dissemination activities, including workshops, policy briefs, the production of a podcast on social mobility and an interactive project webpage.
- You will have time dedicated to advancing your own research agenda.
- You are encouraged to contribute to the overall activities of the Department more broadly and attend seminars.
- The position does not include a teaching obligation but some involvement in teaching is possible.
- You will be encouraged to gain experience in the supervision of research assistants and students.
- The position is based in Vienna and requires regular presence at the department.
- The position includes an affiliation with the Research Institute Economics of Inequality at WU Vienna.
- You will be an integral part of a team of researchers with expertise in the economics of inequality, labor economics, public economics, and quantitative social sciences.
- You will hold a full-time position (40 hours per week).

What we offer

- You will be based at a renowned, research-intensive economics department, the Department of Economics and Business at the Central European University in Vienna, and benefit from participation in a vibrant research environment. You will also be affiliated with the Research Institute Economics of Inequality at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.
- CEU enrolls more than 1,400 students from over 100 countries and the language of instruction is English. The teaching staff consists of resident faculty from over 50 countries and prominent visiting scholars from around the world.
- CEU's mission is to promote academic excellence, state-of-the-art research, research-based teaching and learning and civic engagement, to contribute to the development of open societies.
- Inspiring working atmosphere as part of an international academic team in a healthy and fair working environment.
- The position offers a large range of on-the-job learning and training opportunities and mentoring from supervisors.
- You will work in a modern campus, easily accessible by public transportation, in Vienna which is one of the most livable cities in the world.

Compensation

We offer a competitive yearly gross salary of 60,900 EUR.

How to apply

Please send your complete application package to advert049@ceu.edu, including the job code 2023/049 in the subject line, and submit your:

- Your CV.
- A cover letter, detailing your motivation for joining the project, and how you meet the criteria set out above.

- Up to two researcher papers that best represent your work.
- Two reference letters or the contact details of two referees.

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