



1 vacancy for a PhD-Researcher (4 years) at Tilburg University – Department of Sociology

School of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Tilburg University is a modern, specialized university. The teaching and research of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (TSB) are organized around the themes of Health, Social Innovation, Human Side of Business, Organization, and Relations between State, Citizen, and Society. The School's inspiring working environment challenges its workers to realize their ambitions; involvement and cooperation are essential to achieve this.

Departement of Sociology

The research of the Department of Sociology focuses on aspects of social inequality and social cohesion in a comparative and dynamic perspective. Topics studied within the broader theme of social inequality are work, occupation, poverty, welfare and health. Topics studied within social cohesion are values, solidarity, religion, family, voluntary membership, and social networks. The comparative perspective focuses on the comparison of (mostly European) countries, either from a macro-perspective or a micro-macro perspective. The dynamic perspective consists of comparing countries or social groups across historical time on the one hand, and comparing individuals over their personal life courses on the other hand. The program is motivated by substantive forces in society on the one hand (i.e., processes of (post)modernization in western societies) and by methodological innovations on the other hand (i.e., the development of dynamic and multilevel data and statistical models).

The Sociology Department in the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences at Tilburg University, The Netherlands is currently looking for a

PhD-Researcher (1,0 fte)

The PhD research forms part of the research project HOWCOME: Changing Housing Regimes and Trends in Social and Economic Inequality (www.tilburguniversity.edu/howcome), which is financed by the European Research Council (ERC). The research team consists of a Principal Investigator, 2 PhD-students and 1 post-doctoral researcher. This vacancy concerns subproject HOWCOME 3.

Housing trajectories, housing wealth and inequality

In HOWCOME 3, macro-level changes are linked to individual lives. The main focus of this subproject is on the interplay – for different cohorts – between housing careers and other life-course trajectories, and on the outcome of different residential histories in terms of economic well-being and inequality in later life. The main data source is the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (www.share-project.org). The PhD-candidate's focus is on topics such as the distribution of housing wealth across countries and cohorts; the importance of housing wealth for e.g. life chances, intergenerational solidarity and family relationships; differences in residential trajectories across countries and cohorts and in the way housing careers influence the opportunity for wealth accumulation; determinants and outcomes of tenure transitions across the life course, within the context of changes in families, welfare states and housing regimes.

Qualifications

- Research Master's Degree in one of the social sciences (or expectation of completion before the starting date of the project), or equivalent level;
- Appetite for interdisciplinary research, specifically on the domain of housing studies;
- Good knowledge of advanced quantitative methods and techniques in the social sciences, and of (and preferably experience with) the analysis of large-scale data sources;
- Independent working attitude, aptitude for acquiring new skills regarding the preparation and analyses of longitudinal data – experience with event history analysis and/or sequence analysis will be considered as an advantage;
- Willingness to give English-language presentations, to publish in the English language and to teach in the field of social sciences (in English as well);
- Language competencies in other languages than Dutch or English will be considered as an advantage.

Terms of employment

Tilburg University is among the top Dutch employers and has an excellent policy concerning terms of employment. The collective employment terms and conditions for Dutch universities will apply.

The PhD appointment at Tilburg University begins with a period of 12 months. Continuation of the appointment with another 36 months will be based on performance evaluation.

The gross salary for the phd position amounts € 2083 per month in the first year, rising to € 2664 per month in the fourth year, based on a full-time appointment (38 hours per week).

Application and information

Applicants should send their application, consisting of a motivation letter explaining their interest and commitment, a CV, two letters of reference and a sample of independent academic writing, only by using the link mentioned below to Hans Dieteren MSc, managing director, before August 10th 2013.

Further enquiries concerning the project itself (including an extended research proposal) can be obtained from Dr. Caroline Dewilde, the Principal Investigator of this project (C.L.Dewilde@uvt.nl). Interviews will be held on 19 and 20 August 2013. Preferable starting date is October 1st, 2013, or as soon as possible.

Further information and application:

<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/working-at/wp/>