

Researcher Position in STS at the MCTS, TU Munich

Deadline: May 16, 2018

The Professorship of Science & Technology Policy (Prof. Dr. Ruth Müller) at the Munich Center for Technology in Society (MCTS), Technical University of Munich (TUM), announces an **open position for a researcher in Science & Technology Studies (STS)** (TV-L E13, full time or part time, for 1 year with the possibility of extension). The open position is announced as part of a research project that explores recent controversies in evolutionary biology around the “Extended Evolutionary Synthesis” concept. The position should be filled as soon as possible, ideally by July 1, 2018.

About us

The research group “Science & Technology Policy” at MCTS explores the interactions between science, society and policy, with a distinct focus on the social studies of the life sciences. The group is based at the MCTS, an interdisciplinary research center in Science and Technology Studies (STS), and is affiliated with the School of Life Sciences and the School of Management at TUM.

About the research project

We are looking for a researcher in STS or related fields for an upcoming research project that explores recent controversies in evolutionary biology surrounding the proposition that the contemporary theory of evolution is in need of revision towards an “Extended Evolutionary Synthesis”. The project will examine the nature of this controversy, understanding evolutionary theory as both fundamental to modern biological reasoning and as co-productive of scientific and social notions of the human self and of society. The project will employ qualitative social science research methods such as document analysis, semi-structured interviews and participant observation. The current project duration is one year, during which applications for further funding will be launched.

Your tasks as a project researcher

As a project researcher, you will work on the project together with the project P.I. Prof. Dr. Ruth Müller. Your tasks will include empirical research and data analysis, preparation of results for publication, presentation of results at international academic meetings, assistance in preparing applications for further funding, contributions to the teaching portfolio of the group and support for organizing project-related academic events.

Who can apply?

We are accepting applications from both pre-doctoral and post-doctoral researchers. Applicants should hold a Master’s degree or PhD in the social sciences or the humanities. Familiarity with STS and experience with social science research methods is desirable. Applicants should be interested in working in an interdisciplinary environment and should be capable of and interested in working both in a team and independently. Good English language skills are essential for the project and for academic life at MCTS in general. We are looking for inspired and inspiring researchers who want to work in and contribute to an exciting interdisciplinary STS research community.

Application documents

Your complete application documents must include your academic CV, your academic degree certificates, a substantial letter of motivation (max. 2 pages), 2 writing samples (e.g. thesis chapters, articles, etc.), and names and contact details of 2 references, including a brief statement explaining your relationship to each of the named references.

Interested?

Please send your **complete application** as a single pdf document to **applications.stp@mcts.tum.de**. We will review all applications received up until and including **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**.

We are committed to raising the number of women in research and teaching. Female researchers are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants with disabilities are treated with preference given comparable qualification.

If you have questions about the application procedure, please contact **applications.stp@mcts.tum.de**. If you have content-related questions, please contact **ruth.mueller@tum.de**.

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