



The Generation and Educational Science Institute (GENESIS) is looking for a

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Scientific assistant (BA, MA or PhD student)

SUMMARY

GENESIS is looking for a skilled English-speaker and writer to join its research team in Vienna as a scientific assistant. The initial contract will run for six months from May – October 2017, use the maximum workload you can have as a student during lecture time (20 hours per week – 30 hours per week during lecture-free time), and will be paid fairly and in line with current trade union agreements (Kollektivvertrag). An extension of the contract is possible and envisaged.

THE INSTITUTE

The Generation and Educational Science Institute (GENESIS) specialises in critically reflexive and action-oriented research and theory-building in intergenerational, lifewide and lifelong learning. The not-for-profit institute, founded in 2008, engages in conceptual development and analysis as well as empirical research and evaluation, focusing on nonformal and informal youth and adult education, learning and volunteering. The institute's educational and research activities address the key role of lifelong and lifewide education and learning as a continuous, dynamic process in the context of pluralistic civil societies and emerging knowledge societies.

THE PROJECT

GENESIS is a research partner in the RAY Research Network (Research-based Analysis and Monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth in Action). The RAY Network is an open, growing and self-governed European research network of National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme and their research partners. GENESIS is responsible for the transnational components of the RAY longitudinal study as well its thematic studies. Find out more about RAY at researchyouth.eu.

THE TASK

Within the context of RAY, we are currently conducting a study on competence development and capacity building of youth workers and youth leaders through the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme (E+/YiA). How do training and support activities within E+/YiA contribute to competence development and professionalism of youth workers and youth leaders? We have conducted more than 200 interviews with youth workers and youth leaders in 10+ European countries. Your task will be to contribute to the analysis of these interviews and the production of the research report on our findings.

YOUR PROFILE

We are looking for highly motivated students who

- appreciate qualitative research without condemning quantitative research,
- are able to communicate (speak, read, and write) in English at a professional level,
- are able to write clearly and precisely in English with very little editing needed,
- are in the process of completing a degree in the humanities or social sciences,
- are resident in Vienna or surroundings, and able to legally work in Austria.

Experience with MaxQDA is an asset, but we are happy to provide you with training on how to use the software if you haven't worked with it before. Our working language is English, so being able to speak Austrian or German is not a condition – though not a hindrance either. Your exact degree level (Bachelor, Master, Dissertation) is not decisive: if you think you have what it takes, do apply!

YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit a project- and task-specific cover letter, a concise and tailored curriculum vitae, and a relevant English writing sample, ideally of qualitative research, to workwithus@genesis-institute.org by midnight on Thursday, 20 April 2017 (23:59 CEST/GMT+2).

Do yourself and us the favour and think about what you write and send! We don't want to read generic letters or look at 6-page CVs with lots of irrelevant details – and we won't for very long.

Here are a few tips for your application:

- Show us that you love qualitative research, and writing.
- If you have a relevant online presence, let us know. Otherwise: don't.
- No photo on your résumé please. And no docx, rtf, otf files – pdfs only.
- Avoid marketing language. We are human, you are human: write like one.
- We are a fun team and have a strong sense of humour. Show us yours if you'd like!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andreas at andreas@genesis-institute.org. Setting up a phone or skype call is possible, but please refrain from cold calling.

THE INTERVIEWS

We will shortlist and inform all candidates on April 21. Interviews will take place on April 24 during the morning in Vienna.