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Nr. 0034 Ausschreibung: Ausschreibung von Postdoc Forscher:innen

Ausschreibung

der Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria von Postdoc Forscher

Die Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria – IT:U schreibt die Besetzung von einer Postdoc Forscher:in Stelle im folgenden Themenfelder entsprechend der Beilage aus:

„Data-Driven Sustainability Policy and Economics“

Der Ausschreibungstext ist im Sinn einer breit formulierten und missionsorientierten Ausschreibung zu verstehen und in der Beilage angefügt. Insgesamt ist Eine Stelle mit Antrittsdatum 1. Oktober 2026 ausgeschrieben.

Entsprechend den im Bundesgesetz über das Institute of Digital Sciences Austria (Interdisciplinary Transformation University) festgelegten Grundsätzen betreibt die IT:U eine antidiskriminatorische Anstellungspolitik und legt Wert auf Chancengleichheit, Diversität, Inklusion, Gleichstellung der Geschlechter und Frauenförderung. Die IT:U strebt eine Erhöhung des Frauenanteils beim wissenschaftlichen Personal an und lädt daher qualifizierte Frauen ausdrücklich zur Bewerbung ein. Bei gleicher Qualifikation werden Frauen vorrangig aufgenommen.

Eine Bewerbung ist <https://career.it-u.at/en/jobs> möglich

1 Beilagen



Die Gründungspräsidentin:
Stefanie Lindstaedt

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Promulgation Section

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Nr. 0034 Announcement: Call for Applications: Postdoc Researcher

Call for applications

Postdoc Researcher

The Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria – IT:U announces the opening of a Postdoc Researcher in the following field, as outlined in the annex:

- Data-Driven Sustainability Policy and Economics

The job posting is intended to be understood as broadly formulated and mission-oriented and can be found attached. In total, the appointment of one postdoc is planned, with a start date of October 1st, 2026.

In accordance with the principles established in the Federal Act on the Institute of Digital Sciences Austria (Interdisciplinary Transformation University), IT:U practices an anti-discriminatory hiring policy and places a strong emphasis on equal opportunities, diversity, inclusion, gender equality, and the promotion of women. IT:U aims to increase the proportion of women in its academic staff and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. In cases of equal qualifications, preference will be given to women.

Interested applicants can apply at <https://career.it-u.at/en/jobs>

1 Annex

The Founding President:
Stefanie Lindstaedt

#TRANSFORMINGTOMORROW: MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH US.

IT:U is Austria's first public interdisciplinary university dedicated to digital transformation for the benefit of society, economy and environment.

Postdoc Position in Data-Driven Sustainability Policy and Economics*

Full-Time | Up to 4 years | On-site in Linz (AT) | Start date: 01.10.2026

FIELD OF RESEARCH AND SCOPE

The AI & Sustainability Policy Lab uses quantitative methods to understand, evaluate, and scale effective climate and conservation policies. We combine causal inference, experimental/behavioral economics, machine learning, and computational social science to support evidence-based sustainability transitions.

Climate change and biodiversity loss pose complex societal challenges that require both rigorous policy evaluation and advanced computational tools. In our lab, we are interested in:

- Generating credible causal evidence on the environmental, social, and economic impacts of climate and conservation policies.
- Applying machine learning and artificial intelligence methods to improve policy targeting, forecasting, prediction, and heterogeneous treatment effect estimation.
- Combining experimental methods, econometric analysis, and AI to generate and translate evidence for evidence-based policymaking.
- Understanding human behavior, policy acceptance, and collective action in sustainability transitions through experimental and observational data.

The successful candidate will contribute to research at the intersection of AI, sustainability, and public policy, while collaborating with an interdisciplinary team of economists, data scientists and policy stakeholders.

Your strengths and skills:

A completed PhD (or equivalent) in Economics, Data Science, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Political Science, Public Policy, or a related discipline with a quantitative focus.

A strong publication record relative to career stage, or clear potential to publish in leading international journals.

Strong expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Experimental and behavioral research methods
- Causal inference, econometrics and policy evaluation
- Machine learning, AI and computational methods
- Research experience and demonstrated interest in sustainability, climate and environmental policy, biodiversity conservation, environmental governance or related policy domains.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in interdisciplinary research teams
- Excellent written and spoken English

Your tasks and responsibilities:

- conducting high-quality research activities

- conducting academic teaching activities.
- preparing and publishing academic manuscripts in high-impact academic journals
- presenting research findings at national and international conferences
- collaborating with other interdisciplinary research teams and external partners
- support the preparation and submission of for third-party funding proposals
- complying with the institution's academic standards and ethical guidelines

What you can expect:

- Work on high-impact research addressing climate and biodiversity challenges.
- Collaborations with leading international researchers in sustainability, economics, and public policy
- Benefit from mentoring and support for developing an independent research profile.
- International mobility, conference participation, and exchange opportunities through our academic network.

Additional:

- Innovative and stimulating working conditions in an interdisciplinary, international research environment
- Office kitchen with complimentary basic supplies
- Flexible working hours through a flextime model and the option for home office
- Free parking or Climate Ticket Upper Austria

Competitive compensation starting at **€ 67,000 gross per year**.

HOW TO APPLY

We look forward to receiving your online application (via the online portal below), including these elements

- Cover letter
- Your CV
- PhD certificate (or confirmation of expected completion date)
- One representative publication or working paper
- Contact details of two references

*come as you are – we value and promote diversity in our team. Each individual is encouraged to reach their full potential, realize ideas and seize opportunities. Regardless of age, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or origin, we welcome applications from all people equally