

The Institute of Systems Sciences, Innovation
and Sustainability Research is looking for a

Project Assistant without doctorate

(30 hours a week; fixed-term employment for the period of one year with optional extension for two more years; position to be filled as of September 1st 2018)

Job specification

- Conducting independent and cooperative research in the field of innovation and sustainability research, in particular regarding the development of circular economy business models and innovations in an international SME context
- Realizing empirical studies including data collection and data analysis according to the project specifications and with the aim to publish relevant results
- Fostering knowledge transfer between various project partners and stakeholders, presenting and disseminating results in various forms
- Organizing project meetings, stakeholder workshops and conferences
- Coordinating and managing the project collaboration in the INTERREG-Project START CIRCLES from the perspective of University of Graz

The project

The shift towards a circular economy (entailing a number of new demands from relevant directives) presents new challenges: Companies will need to increase the use of recycled materials, innovate and introduce new technologies to improve material recovery and recycling. There are, however strong regional differences in the capacity for innovation in the program area and SMEs, especially lack information, activities, strategies and innovation partners necessary to tackle them. START CIRCLES is designed to enable SMEs better access to information, activities, as well as innovation partners in order to strengthen and support their cooperation with project partners.

Professional qualifications

- Completed master degree in environmental system sciences or equivalent economic or sustainability related diploma or master study (e.g. business administration, industrial engineering, sustainable development, industrial ecology)
- Excellent knowledge in the field of e.g. innovation research, regional development, and business models
- Knowledge in e.g. circular economy, material science, production planning, process engineering are of advantage but not mandatory

- Knowledge of relevant research methods, e.g. quantitative empirical social research (to be specified within the application)
- Language skills in English and German, Slovenian being an advantage
- Experience in project management (desirable)
- Existing publication record (desirable)

Personal profile

- Ability to work independently in an applied research context and science to public environment
- Personal and social competences to work in international and interdisciplinary teams
- Interest to practically work together with practitioners in an SME context
- Willingness to travel within the project region
- Motivation in working scientifically and to finalize a PhD in environmental system sciences

Classification and minimum salary

Salary scheme of the Universitäten-KV (University Collective Agreement): B1

Application procedure

If you are interested, please submit your application documents – including motivation letter, CV and transcript of grades – within the stated deadline to: tobias.stern@uni-graz.at and romana.rauter@uni-graz.at.

For further Information you can contact Prof. Stern under the phone number 43 316/380-7344.

Application Deadline: July 1st 2018