

## Job advertisement

The Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL) in Leipzig, Germany, invites applications for the position of:

### **Scientific Researcher (PhD-position, TV-L 13, 65%, 36 months)**

This position is part of an international joint research project, *Agents of Change in Old-industrial Regions in Europe (ACORE)*, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. The project is coordinated by the IfL and includes the following project partners: Lund University, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Cardiff University and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The main ambition of the ACORE project is to investigate how old-industrial regions located outside major European agglomerations can deal with unfavourable structural conditions and create a new development path leading to prosperity and well-being, contributing to the social cohesion and stability of Europe as a whole. The successful candidate is expected to become an engaged member of the joint research project.

The IfL is an independent research institute specialising in human geography, and is a member of the Leibniz Association, which includes Germany's leading research institutions. The institute is funded by the State of Saxony, the Federal Republic of Germany, and by project funding.

### **We offer**

- The position of a Scientific Researcher based within the Department for Regional Geography of Europe funded for 36 months, starting from 01.01.2019
- Opportunities to develop and implement research ideas within the framework of the ACORE project
- Opportunities to pursue a doctoral degree at Leipzig University
- Family-friendly working conditions that encourage the compatibility of work and family life, flexible organisation of working time, and a good working environment
- Generous travel allowance to cover conference attendance, and additional funding for publication activities
- Institutional support, office space, access to IfL library resources
- Compensation according to the regulations for level TV-L 13

### **Your responsibilities**

- To design and implement a research project that contributes to the overall goals of the ACORE project
- To work on two Germany-based case studies; both are non-metropolitan urban centres located in old-industrial regions
- By drawing comparisons with other countries, contribute to the findings and the scientific outputs of the ACORE project

- Assume a fair share of responsibility in preparing project workshops, conferences, and outreach activities, and to actively participate in such events
- Contribute to project dissemination activities through peer-reviewed academic and policy publications, and presentations at national and international conferences
- To contribute to and participate in the Institute's research activities and events
- The fulfillment of the tasks requires the willingness to travel in the study region and abroad

### **Our expectations**

- Academic background (Master's level) in human geography, European studies, public policy, urban and regional planning, or related disciplines
- Familiarity with the current debates on European cohesion, spatial policy, and urban and regional development
- Experience in qualitative research methods and in designing and conducting semi-structured interviews
- High proficiency (spoken and written) in German is essential, as the fieldwork will be conducted in German
- High proficiency in English (spoken and written) is important for communication within the project
- Experience in presenting at international conferences
- Publications in peer-reviewed academic journals and policy outlets is an advantage

### **Personal qualities**

- High level of motivation and the ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Personal commitment and reliability

The IfL follows the goal of professional equality of women and men and has received the Total E-Quality seal for its efforts. Applications from qualified women are most welcome. Recognised persons with disabilities receive preference by equal qualification. We welcome applications from individuals with a migration background.

Please send your application in English in a single pdf file (maximum 30 pages) with the subject line "Job Application: Scientific Researcher ACORE" to: [personal@ifl-leipzig.de](mailto:personal@ifl-leipzig.de). Your application should include CV, motivation letter, copies of relevant certificates and degrees, themes of prior work, including projects and relevant publications. The motivation letter may include a short description of your proposed contribution to the ACORE project.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview conducted in late **November 2018**.

**Deadline for receipt of applications: 31 October 2018**

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