



Leibniz-Institut
für Präventionsforschung und
Epidemiologie – BIPS

Job announcement

At the Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research und Epidemiology – BIPS there is an opening in the Department of Epidemiological Methods and Etiological Research (Chair: Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Wolfgang Ahrens) specifically in the Unit *Lifestyle-Related Disorders* for the position of a

PhD Student

Salary scale 13 of the German public sector salary system
(TV-L)

19.60 hours/week

The position starts on the 1st of May 2019 conditional on the release of funds and provided it receives administrative clearance. The position is available for three years and is expected to result in a PhD degree. An extension of the contract is possible. The job holder will work on research projects concerning the etiology of non-communicable diseases (using physiological and biological markers) with special focus on childhood and adolescent health. The thesis will focus on psychosocial factors and neuropsychological functions in association with dysfunctional behaviors and their role in the development of body composition and cardio-metabolic health in European children and adolescents.

Requirements:

- Candidates should hold a Master's degree in life sciences, psychology, epidemiology or related fields
- Ability to conduct statistical analyses using common statistical software packages
- Scientific curiosity and passion
- Initiative and commitment to work in interdisciplinary teams
- Excellent command of English, both, orally and in writing
- Previous stay abroad at a scientific research/education institution is advantageous

The Unit Lifestyle-Related Disorders runs various national and international studies with a focus on risk factors for obesity, metabolic and other chronic disorders as well as musculoskeletal disorders particularly in children and adolescents. The unit is engaged in various research consortia like the IDEFICS/I.Family cohort (<http://www.ifamilystudy.eu>), international projects such as the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub and the Policy Evaluation Network. It collaborates closely with the biobank hosted at our institute as well as with the other units and departments of BIPS.

We offer a structured PhD program, exciting research topics, a stimulating international environment, a good infrastructure, close ties to the University of Bremen and an engaged, supportive and cooperative team.

Severely disabled applicants with essentially equal professional and personal qualification will be given priority.

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Additional information can be found on our homepage: <https://www.leibniz-bips.de/en>. Please send your application in English with the usual documents quoting the reference number **A 19_02 by March 4th, 2019 by e-mail as a pdf to Michaela Modde: modde@leibniz-bips.de**

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