

The **Chair of Sociology and Politics of Rehabilitation, Disability Studies (Professor Dr. Anne Waldschmidt)** at the **University of Cologne** is seeking to fill the position of a

Research Assistant (half time).

The position is funded for the period of one year through the European Commission. The anticipated starting date is February, 2013. Salary is determined by the German university pay system with 19 hours of work per week. Depending on the resources available, contract extensions may be possible.

The successful candidate will work in a funded research project on disability policies. The European Research Consortium "Making Persons with Disabilities Full Citizens of Europe - Exploring Options for an Inclusive and Sustainable Social Model (DISCIT)" includes, besides Germany, partners from Norway, Sweden, Ireland, United Kingdom, Italy, Serbia and the Czech Republic. DISCIT investigates national disability policies in selected European countries, against the background of welfare state systems, the European Union and the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. The research assistant will be involved in the collection and analysis of empirical data. She/He will have organizational tasks and will be responsible for literature searches in (inter-)national databases using the software "Endnote".

The position as research assistant is open to candidates who have recently earned their diploma or master in social sciences. We expect good team working skills, a high level of commitment and flexibility in your approach to work. You should have a strong interest in interdisciplinary and international research. We seek applications from individuals with an academic background in disability policy, sociology of disability, European Studies and / or Disability Studies with a focus on social sciences. The ability to speak both German and English is necessary. We offer the opportunity to undertake doctoral research.

Employment will be at the University of Cologne.

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunity employer in compliance with the German General Equal Treatment Act and disability laws. Women and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, qualified reference, and a cover letter describing their research interest as well as their motivation to apply for this position. Inquiries about the position can be sent to disability-studies@uni-koeln.de. Applications via postal mail shall be sent to **Lehrstuhl für Soziologie und Politik der Rehabilitation, Disability Studies, Frau Prof. Dr. Anne Waldschmidt, Frangenheimstr. 4, D-50931 Köln.**

The deadline for applications is January 06, 2013.

