

The **Chair of Sociology and Politics of Rehabilitation, Disability Studies (Univ.-Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Anne Waldschmidt)** at the University of Cologne is seeking to fill a

Research Fellow Position (half-time, 19,92 hours/week).

The position is funded for the period of two years through the European Commission. The anticipated starting date is February, 2013. Salary is determined by the German TV-L system (E13) with 19,92 hours of work per week (half time). Depending on the resources available, hourly increases and 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. In cooperation with European disability self-help organizations, 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 position is open to candidates who have earned their diploma or master in social sciences. We seek applications from individuals with a strong background in disability policies, social policy and welfare state theory, equal rights policies, social movements, European Studies and/or Disability Studies with a focus on social sciences. The ability to speak both German and English is necessary. Candidates should have organization skills and experiences in (international) project management. We expect a high level of commitment and creativity and an independent way of working. We offer the opportunity to undertake (post-)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.