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## Post-Doctoral Fellow/Research Scientist

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is accepting applications for a highly qualified Post-Doctoral Fellow or Research Scientist.

### Organization

Since its foundation in 1996, the MPIDR has enjoyed an international reputation as one of the leading demographic research centers in the world. At the MPIDR, an international community of excellent researchers investigate demographic change, aging, fertility, biological demography, and other issues at the forefront of population research.

### Job Description

The post-doc will carry out research within the Max Planck Research Group: Gender Gaps in Health and Survival. His/her research will focus on investigating gender differences in health and mortality by ethnic background, and on examining the respective roles of social position, civil status and reproduction in driving these differences. The research interests of the group also encompass health trends at older ages, determinants of long-term care use, cohort differences in health at older ages, and related topics.

The post-doc may also be asked to help teach some courses, co-supervise PhD students, organize workshops and lectures, and assist in the daily running of the group. Knowledge of German is not a requirement.

### Qualifications/Requirements

- PhD in epidemiology/public health, demography, sociology, statistics, or related fields
- a strong publication record (depending on career stage)
- strong quantitative skills and experience with individual-level data analysis
- a keen interest in health and mortality research and in working with large longitudinal data, such as register data
- a clear research plan, and a clear idea of how this plan fits within the overall research profile of the group
- the ability to work equally well independently and in a collaborative setting
- an excellent command of English, both in writing and in speaking
- an international network or a record of international collaboration is an advantage

Applications should include (in one pdf file):

- a detailed CV (incl. honors, awards, and publications)
- a two-page motivation letter that provides a clear picture of your current research activities and future research plans, describes how your interests align with the group's interests, and explains how you meet the selection criteria for this position
- full contact information (e-mail and mail addresses) of two references

Applications should be sent to: [appl-gghs@demogr.mpg.de](mailto:appl-gghs@demogr.mpg.de). To ensure consideration, submit your application by **December 9, 2016**. The review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Preference will be given to candidates who are able to start at an earlier point in time.

The initial Post-doc/Research Scientist appointment is for three years, but may be extended. Compensation for the appointment, which is based on salary level 14 of the German TVöD system, may vary depending on the qualifications of the candidate, and is subject to the rules that apply to federal employees in Germany.

The Max Planck Society wishes to increase the share of women in areas where they are underrepresented, and strongly encourages women to apply. The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more disabled individuals, and especially encourages them to apply.

