

The Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies (SCEUS) is looking for **two doctoral students** for its **four-year doctoral program** (October 2021 to September 2025). SCEUS invites applications from students of political science to research "**Challenges of European Integration**", specifically focusing on the EU's policy of gender equality and/or the public backlash against gender equality policies or the EU's COVID-19 policy and its effects on European integration. More detailed information on the general framework of the doctoral program is provided here.

Doctoral students are selected by an Admission Committee. They receive a gross monthly salary of approx. € 2.228,60 (14 x per year) according to § 26 of the wage agreement of the universities for university assistants (doctoral students). It might be higher according to the norms of the wage agreement, depending on previous employments in the specific field.

SCEUS has been established in 2005 as an interdisciplinary Centre at the University of Salzburg. Research and teaching at the Centre focus on the dynamics of European integration from political science, economic and legal perspectives. The new political science doctoral college is financed by the docfunds program of the Austrian Science Fund and builds on SCEUS' established interdisciplinary doctoral college, financed by the Swiss Humer Foundation. SCEUS offers an excellent research environment and close supervision by our team of professors at the University of Salzburg as well as by international guest scholars. All doctoral students spend one semester at a foreign university or research institution with special expertise in their fields of research.

#### Requirements:

- Master's degree in political science. The degree has to be completed by no later than 30 September 2021.
- Nationality is not a criterion, internationality an asset.
- Fluency in English (working language of the doctoral college is English).
- Solid skills in political science methods and willingness to engage in further methods training.

#### The application should encompass (in English only)

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- A short proposal (3-5) for a dissertation project which addresses one of the advertised topics (provided here). Please indicate in the proposal for which of the advertised topics you want to apply and provide first ideas on a possible research design.
- Portfolio of 1-3 seminar papers (preferably on issues related to European integration).
- Grade report (in English or German) documenting all courses and exams the applicant has taken at his/her university and, if already available, a copy of the applicant's master's degree.
- Two references (i.e., names & addresses of two university professors / teachers who know the candidate).

#### Application and selection process:

- Applications should be submitted no later than **1 September 2021** (compiled into a single PDF File) to [sceus@sbg.ac.at](mailto:sceus@sbg.ac.at)
- Documents have to be submitted in English.
- Applicants will be informed about the pre-selection of the Admission Committee until **6 September 2021** and selected candidates will be invited for an online interview and presentation of their research proposal **towards the middle of September 2021**.