



TU Dortmund University of is a dynamic, research-oriented university with 17 faculties spanning the natural and engineering sciences as well as the social sciences and humanities. On our international campus, around 6,700 staff members contribute each day to addressing pressing questions of the present and the future. Openness and diversity shape not only collaboration in research and teaching, but also in technical and administrative services.

Research associate (m/f/d, E13 TV-L)

Subject to the approval of funding, a position for a research associate is to be filled at the earliest possible date at TU Dortmund University, in the Social Research Centre, Faculty of Social Sciences. The position is initially fixed-term for a period of three years. Remuneration will be in accordance with the collective agreement regulations under pay group 13 TV-L. This is a part-time position (50%). An increase in working hours through third-party funding may be possible. The opportunity for further academic qualification is provided and encouraged.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Collecting, processing and analysing qualitative and/or quantitative data in the field of "service work/interactive work"
- Developing research questions in the above-mentioned field; ideally, you intend to pursue a doctorate in the field of work and employment
- Preparing publications for recognised academic journals
- Supporting the acquisition of third-party funding
- Contributing to networks relevant to the Social Research Centre

WHAT WE OFFER:

- In addition to an attractive role in terms of content; you can expect an excellent working environment with a motivated, interdisciplinary and internationally networked team.
- You will have a wide range of opportunities to help shape your work and to develop personally.
- TU Dortmund University offers an extensive continuing education programme, sports and health services, actively supports family-friendly working conditions and promotes a balance between work and private life.

REQUIREMENTS:

- You have successfully completed a university degree in sociology or social sciences with (very) good results (Diploma, Master's degree).
- You are enthusiastic about the field of work, and the related transformations and transformation processes.
- You are interested in, and have initial experience with, addressing academic research questions in the field of (service/interactive) work and employment.
- You have very good knowledge of qualitative and/or quantitative methods of empirical social research.
- You have already gained initial experience in conducting empirical research projects.
- You have a strong interest in developing new research questions and project ideas and are open to gradually becoming involved in acquiring third-party funding.
- You have very good English language skills and enjoy working in international project contexts.
- You are accustomed to working with commitment and on your own initiative.

The TU Dortmund University promotes diversity and equal opportunities. Convince us with your personality and expertise.

Applications from women will be given preferential treatment in accordance with the legal regulations.

It is pointed out that the application of suitable severely disabled persons is desired.

Complete applications should be sent to (application deadline 12.08.2026) using the reference number w40/26 to: Technische Universität Dortmund, Sozialforschungsstelle, Ellen Hilf, Evinger Platz 17, 44339 Dortmund

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