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## **Postdoctoral position in the research group of Professor Jonathan Slapin**

### **Description of UZH unit**

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a postdoctoral position (60-70%) in the research group of Prof. Dr. Jonathan Slapin, who holds a Professorship in Political Institutions and European Politics.

### **Responsibilities**

The successful candidate will engage in research and teaching in the area of comparative politics, political institutions, or European politics. Preference will be given to candidates with a demonstrated substantive interest in parties, legislatures, electoral institutions, or other topics related to the chair. Interest in computational social science is a plus.

The successful candidate is expected to pursue their own research interests and contribute to research ongoing within the Chair, acquire funded projects and produce outstanding scholarship with publications in top journals and presses.

Teaching includes seminars or courses in English or German (approx. 2-4 hours weekly in 2 semesters of 14 weeks) and advising students.

### **Qualifications**

- PhD in political science or relevant neighboring discipline
- Outstanding research potential in the area of comparative political institutions, broadly defined
- Excellent quantitative methods skills with knowledge of relevant statistical software (e.g. Stata, R, Python)
- Ability to work in a team and also to conduct independent research
- Motivation to pursue an international academic career
- International experience is a plus



### **Language requirements**

Excellent command of English, knowledge of German is a plus

### **Methods skills**

Excellent training in standard econometric analysis, quantitative text analysis, data science, machine learning, data management, and knowledge of relevant statistical software.

### **We offer**

The position will be filled for 3 years with renewal for further 3 years contingent on research productivity, teaching quality and participation to departmental activities. Salary starts at approx. between CHF 57'000 and 67'000.

### **This position opens on**

The starting date for the position is between February 1 and September 1, 2020 or by agreement.

### **Further information**

Please send to [sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch](mailto:sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch) (as one PDF-attachment): a cover letter, CV with list of publications, transcripts, brief research statement (2 pages max), one writing sample, names of three people who would be willing to serve as a reference. Informal inquiries are encouraged and may be sent to [jonathanb.slavin@uzh.ch](mailto:jonathanb.slavin@uzh.ch).

### **Closing date for applications**

A rolling deadline for applications – open until filled – latest January 15, 2020.