

The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna offers a PhD position connected with a post as:

Project Assistant

30 hours a week; fixed-term employment for the period of 24 months (with an extension possible); envisaged starting date March 2020 (or soon thereafter)

Job description

The successful candidate will work for the interdisciplinary research project Snow2Rain (From phase transition of precipitation to changing local livelihoods, emotions and affects in East Greenland). The project aims at bringing together Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with natural science snow observations and analysis in order to explore the benefit of their synergies. Doing so, not only the understanding of snow changes in East Greenland should be improved, but also the perception of environmental changes by local people. Snow2Rain includes two closely cooperating PhD theses, one in the field of social and cultural anthropology (University of Vienna) and one in snow climatology (University of Graz).

The work of the Anthropology PhD position includes:

- (i) Conduct literature research about the social and cultural relevance of snow in East Greenland
- (ii) Conduct fieldwork in Tasiilaq with community members about their perceptions and concerns regarding changing snow conditions
- (iii) Integrate community concerns and suggestions into overall research plan
- (iv) Enable communication between natural scientists, community members and social scientists

Expected professional qualifications:

A masters' degree in social/cultural anthropology or a related discipline, with an interest in interdisciplinary research. The following specific skills would be beneficial:

- arctic social science fieldwork experience;
- command of Danish and Greenlandic (East Greenlandic would be an added advantage);
- experience with interdisciplinary (climate-change related) research projects.

We expect a candidate who will work independently within an interdisciplinary team; having the intellectual curiosity, creativity, and social skills to conduct collaborative fieldwork in an Arctic community setting. Very good command of English is required. Experience in publishing your scientific work and in presenting it at international conferences is advantageous.

Please send your application including cover letter, CV, relevant documents and a 1-page summary of your master thesis, merged into one pdf file, to peter.schweitzer@univie.ac.at.

Application Deadline: February 25, 2020