

## Vacancy – Junior Research Associate

- Full-time junior research associate
- Department of Sociology – Research group Interface Demography, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Starting date: Beginning 2019
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Interface Demography seeks a  
**full-time junior research associate with interest in quantitative social science research**  
to work on a challenging research project.

### Project background

The project is situated in the research line on labour market and work-related determinants of health and well-being. Many ID research projects have been conducted on occupational exposures and mortality, job quality and precarious employment as determinants of workers' health and well-being. Most research is based on the quantitative analysis of large registry data sets and surveys, although also qualitative and mixed methods have been used. Our approach departs from a strong social and health equity perspective with attention for the policy implications of our research.

### Project background

The vacant position more specifically relates to ongoing research projects aiming to study the associations between (precarious) employment careers and health, disability and mortality. The research includes the manipulation and analysis of internationally unique large registry data, including the Belgian linked Census-Mortality Database and the Crossroads Database of Belgian Social Security. Also, analysis of longitudinal panel data is possible. Although, the research position is fully funded up to a period of 4 years, you will be stimulated and supported when applying for personal grants. Your thesis directors will be prof. dr. Sylvie Gadeyne and prof. dr. Christophe Vanroelen.

### Profile

- Master in sociology, social sciences, demography, social epidemiology, population statistics, social health sciences or another relevant discipline
- Passion for scientific research
- Interest in sociology of work, labour market research and work-related health and well-being
- Strong skills and interest in quantitative social research methods, including manipulation and analysis of large-scale data sets and advanced statistical techniques
- Ability to learn new statistical techniques
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills (English)
- Ability to conduct research both independently and collaboratively
- Willingness to prepare a PhD based on the research findings
- Being able to speak Dutch will be considered as an additional asset, but is not a necessity
- Strong social skills; being a team player;

**We offer:**

Interface Demography is an excellent multidisciplinary research group with a friendly and collaborative working atmosphere. We believe that the positive work environment, the interesting interactions among colleagues and the work-related and social events are the most valuable things we can offer. The compensation and benefits of this job also include:

- A full-time appointment of 1 year, extendable to 4 years;
- The 4-year period is fully funded; in accordance with university regulations you will be able to dedicate 90% of your working time to preparing your Phd-thesis;
- A monthly net scholarship of at least € 1.850;
- Full reimbursement of (public transport) commuting expenses in Belgium;
- Access to all university facilities, benefits and training programs for academic staff;
- A challenging job content with much potential for personal growth and (international) networking;
- A dynamic and high-quality research environment;
- Possibilities for international mobility;
- Suggested starting date: 1 January 2019

**Research group**

Interface Demography (ID - <http://www.vub.ac.be/demography/>) is the research unit for population studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. ID is part of the Department of Sociology and figures as a reference center for fundamental and applied demographic and population sociological research in Belgium. The strength of ID is its multidisciplinary and strong empirical approach to population research, which allows our unit to collaboratively tackle core social scientific research questions using concepts and approaches from demography, sociology, epidemiology, geography, history, and macroeconomics, while applying a wide range of quantitative and also qualitative empirical methods. The team is composed of about 35 members, consisting of professors, senior and junior researchers.

**Location**

Department of Economic, Social and Political Sciences and Solvay Business School  
Department of Sociology – Interface Demography, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels

**How to apply?**

E-mail a motivational letter and curriculum vitae before November 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 to:

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Additional information on the research group Interface Demography can be found on: <http://www.vub.ac.be/demography>