



LMU Munich is one of the largest and most renowned universities in Germany. The Department of Media and Communication at LMU Munich offers a position within the research and teaching unit of Prof. Dr. Neil Thurman, as:

### **3-year Postdoc or PhD in AI for local journalism**

#### **Terms:**

Starting 1 October 2022. The initial period of employment is three years. If the application for a follow-up project is successful, the position can be extended for a further three years, or longer. The successful candidate will join the research and teaching unit of Prof. Dr. Neil Thurman and contribute to the research project “Towards Responsible AI in Local Journalism”, which is funded by the *VolkswagenStiftung*. The project investigates intra-organizational, inter-organizational and societal conditions that facilitate responsible AI in local journalism. The Postdoc position is 100% FTE on the TV-L E13 salary scale. The PhD position is 65% FTE on the TV-L E13 salary scale.

#### **Your tasks:**

You will become part of an international and interdisciplinary research team and will independently work on tasks that arise in the research project. In particular these include:

- Contributing to the organization of workshops with German local news organizations.
- Contributing to an international study on AI ecosystems in local journalism.
- Participating in research project meetings and workshops.
- Contributing to publication activities and presentations at international conferences.

#### **Your profile:**

- University degree (PhD in the case of the Postdoc position; Master’s degree in the case of the PhD position) in media and communication or a related field.
- Strong skills in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods.
- Strong interest in computational journalism and local journalism.
- Fluency in German and English (written and oral).

#### **What we offer:**

We offer you an interesting and responsible position with excellent further training and development opportunities. Your workplace is in a central location in Munich and is very easy to reach by public transport. The involvement in the project (“Towards Responsible AI in Local Journalism”) means you will work with an international, interdisciplinary research team including Professor Natali Helberger (University of Amsterdam), Professor Mario Haim (LMU Munich), Professor Helle Sjøvaag (University of Stavanger), and Professors Antske Fokkens and Wouter van Atteveldt (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam). In the case of the PhD position, there is also the opportunity to work towards a doctorate, which is encouraged. Applications from underrepresented groups are encouraged.

#### **Application procedure:**

Your application (in English only) should include: a motivation letter, your CV with a publication list, the names and contact details of two references, copy of degree certificates and transcript of grades. Please submit your complete application as a single PDF document to: sekretariat-thurman@ifkw.lmu.de. Deadline for applications: 1st June 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Neil Thurman at: neil.thurman@ifkw.lmu.de.