



**Doctoral position (60%, for 3 years)  
in the “Science Communication” Division at IKMZ**

The PhD student will work in an international research [project](#) led by Prof. Dr. Mike S. Schäfer and Dr. Jing Zeng, researching science-related conspiracy theories on digital platforms. This project is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

**What would you have to do?**

- Conduct research on online conspiracy theories
- Pursue your PhD
- Attend conferences and publish

**What should you bring with you?**

- Master's degree in communication science or a related subject
- Experience with/interest in science communication and researching social media and conspiracy theories
- Experience with automated and/or computational methods, e.g. using R and/or Python for text and network analyses.
- Proficiency in German (sufficient to conduct qualitative interviews and text/document analyses in German, C1)

**What can we offer you?**

- A research-oriented team
- A great working environment, and inspiring intellectual atmosphere
- Excellent resources

Deadline for application is **20 April, 2020**.

Interviews will take place in the first two weeks of **May, 2020**

The earliest starting date of this position is **1 June, 2020**.

If you have any question regarding the research project, please contact Dr. Jing Zeng ([j.zeng@ikmz.uzh.ch](mailto:j.zeng@ikmz.uzh.ch))

To apply, please send Valeria Rieser ([v.rieser@ikmz.uzh.ch](mailto:v.rieser@ikmz.uzh.ch)) the following documents **as a single PDF**: a) a letter of motivation; b) CV; c) Copy of degrees; d) a list of scientific publications as well as up to three publications (if applicable).

**The University of Zurich is the largest research university in Switzerland. IKMZ is one of the leading communication science departments in Europe.**