**Internship programme at the Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies**

Interested in social science issues? Would you like to participate in ongoing research? Are you thinking about writing a TDK thesis or applying for an EKÖP scholarship, but don't have a topic yet? Apply for the CIAS FAMECON Research Group internship programme!

The intern will participate in the ongoing research of the research group, gaining insight into the process of research design, data collection, data analysis and publication. In addition, he/she will be involved in working on a topic of his/her interest, as agreed with the research supervisor. At the end of the internship, the student will be required to produce a research report of approximately 10 pages or a chapter of approximately 10 pages of his/her thesis on the topic of the internship.

The intern will be assigned an individual supervisor who will introduce him/her to the scientific research process and assist the intern in preparing the thesis as needed.

In the first semester of 2024/25 the following topics are available:

**1. Local social policies to reduce child poverty**

Research will explore local interventions to reduce disadvantage by origin and break the vicious circle of the intergenerational transmission of poverty. Within this theme, the trainee will have the opportunity to develop and present different sub-themes, such as (but not limited to): the role of early childhood education and care in reducing disadvantages; the potential of social services in reducing early school leaving; or mitigating the disadvantages of early childbearing. Depending on the sub-theme, the trainee will be able to deepen his/her knowledge of different methodologies: analysing interviews, preparing a case study, analysing questionnaire data (in the latter case a basic knowledge of SPSS or STATA is required).

Supervisor: Ildikó Husz

**2. Patterns of intergenerational solidarity**

In times of population ageing and its pressure on social security programmes, it is important to better understand the formation of intergenerational solidarity. In this study we examine the patterns and determinants of different forms of private transfers (financial transfers, help with household tasks, care for elderly or grandchildren) between elderly parents and their children in Hungary. The analysis will be based on data from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), which provides relevant data on households of people aged 50 and over from 20 European countries. However, research has pointed out that intergenerational solidarity is more than just the flow of actual transfers between generations, but also includes frequency of contact, shared values, quality of relationships and normative commitments (Bengtson and Roberts 1991). We therefore also examine other forms of intergenerational solidarity, notably normative solidarity, using data from the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). The main methodological approach of the research project is mostly quantitative analysis of comparative survey data. Knowledge of SPSS or Stata is required for participation.

Supervisor: Márton Medgyesi

**Eligibility criteria:**

- Interest in social science issues

- Good writing skills

- Ability to read English-language literature

- Knowledge of Hungarian for the first topic (the data to be processed will be in Hungarian)

- An interest in a research career is not a prerequisite, but an advantage!

**What can we offer?**

- Professional mentoring support

- Professional support in writing a thesis or TDK paper

- Insight into the design and conduct of a research project

- Proof of completion of the internship

- Letters of recommendation

**Duration of the internship programme:**

- October 2024 – January 2025

- Approximately 10 hours per week, including a minimum of 2 hours per week of consultation with the supervisor

Students will not be paid during the internship, but will receive a certificate of completion.

**Deadline for applications: 30 September 2024 (Monday)**

Applications should be sent by e-mail to Ildikó Husz at [ildiko.husz@uni-corvinus.hu](mailto:ildiko.husz@uni-corvinus.hu).

The following documents are required for the application:

- Curriculum vitae indicating the applicant's current and previous academic studies

- a letter of motivation, in which the applicant should indicate and briefly justify the topic he/she would like to work on and the methodology he/she is most familiar with.