

Student Assistant in Societal Digitalization

Starting February 2026 or after arrangement, 25-35%

The focus of Prof. Dr. Gemma Newlands' team is on the sociology of societal digitalization, with a particular interest in the social dynamics of human-AI hybridity in the workplace. The advertised position will be embedded in this broader research program and contribute to several of its core strands, investigating themes such as augmentation, complacency, and temporal trade-offs.

As a student research assistant, you will support the research group through a variety of organizational and non-technical tasks that are essential for building and ensuring the quality of the project. With interest and relevant prior knowledge, technical tasks can also be undertaken.

Your Tasks

- This position will primarily be contributing to a longitudinal mixed-methods study combining surveys, interviews and follow-up assessments across different stages of working life.
- The candidate will also support in organising outreach and engagement activities (e.g., presentations, workshops, public-facing summaries).

What You Bring

- Enrollment in a Master's program (or advanced Bachelor's degree) in a social science field.
- Meticulous, reliable, and persistent work ethic.
- Interest in digitally-oriented research and working with diverse data types.
- Good German skills; solid English skills are an advantage.

What We Offer

- Varied tasks with flexibility and autonomy.
- Opportunity to contribute to published research outputs.
- Workplace on the Oerlikon campus (with the option to work from home).
- Compensation in accordance with UZH standards.

If you would like to apply to this position, please email your resume and a brief cover letter by February 10, 2026, to Prof. Dr. Gemma Newlands (newlands@soziologie.uzh.ch)