English Department

Student Assistantship at the Chair for American Literature and Culture 20 %

Start of employment is 1 February 2027, temporary

The Chair for American Literature and Culture (Prof. Dr. Katharina Gerund) at UZH's English Department invites applications for a student assistant to start on 1 February 2027. This position is part of the interdisciplinary SNSF research project "Reading Right: Literature, Education, and Far-Right Activism." It is initially limited to one year, with the possibility of extension until the completion of the MA degree or the completion of the research project. The position is open to MA and advanced BA students at the English Department who will be enrolled at UZH for at least the next two upcoming terms.

Your responsibilities

As student assistant, you will support the activities of the SNSF project and the Chair's related research and teaching tasks in American Studies. This includes conducting in-depth research, (digitally) archiving and organizing research material, coordinating meetings and other activities, as well as proof-reading and editing scholarly work. The successful candidate will have access to a shared workspace at the English Department and will have the opportunity to participate in the various activities of the research project.

Your profile

Candidates should

- be proficient in both English and German,
- have an excellent BA degree (or grade point average) with a focus in American Studies,
- have a good overview of subject-specific libraries, databases, resources, and research methodologies,
- be competent in academic writing,
- be able to work independently and approach tasks proactively,
- have very good skills in MS office programs, and be open to working with other software applications.

Information on your application

Please submitt your application via the official advert on www.jobs.uzh.ch in a single PDF document that includes a letter of motivation explaining how you fit the job profile, a one-page CV, a transcript of records, and a writing sample (a seminar paper or a chapter from your BA thesis) by 7 December 2026.