As the largest educational institution of the Oldenburg Münsterland, historically and regionally embedded, the University of Vechta of today is international and future-oriented. About 5,000 students and more than 500 employees research, teach, work, and study in this modern campus university in the heart of Lower Saxony.

At the Institute of Gerontology, Department of Psychological Gerontology, University of Vechta, Germany, applications are being sought for

**a PhD position (all gender, 65%)**

to work in a DFG-funded project

**Expectations for Active Ageing: When and How Do They Influence Old-Age Outcomes?**

This is a fixed-term contract for 2 years, with a possibility of prolongation by another year to finish a PhD. The position will start at the earliest possible date.

This project is carried out in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Klaus Rothermund and Prof. em. Dr. Rainer K. Silbereisen, Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany. We investigate how older adults perceive societal expectations for active aging and what the implications for activity, health, and well-being in old age are.

**Your tasks:**
- contributing to literature search and study planning for the project
- preparing the data and conducting statistical analyses of the Jena Study on Social Change and Human Development and the Innovation Sample of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)
- reporting project findings in research articles for international journals (in English)
- presenting project findings at national and international conferences

**Your profile:**
- a master’s degree (finished or nearly finished) or equivalent in gerontology, psychology, sociology, social science or another relevant discipline
- good English skills in speaking and writing
- good statistical knowledge or readiness and ability to acquire such knowledge

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Application closing date is 19.06.2020. Please send your application, quoting the code **20/30/Gero** and including a **cover letter, a CV, a summary of your most recent thesis and copies of qualification certificates**, via email (in one pdf document) to:

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**bewerbung@uni-vechta.de**

Please contact Prof. Dr. (Lomonosov Moscow State University) Maria Pavlova (maria.pavlova@uni-vechta.de) if you have any questions about this position.

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