

Call for Applications for a Postdoctoral Research Position

MTA–ELTE Lendület MIXED at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Eötvös Loránd University: “The Search for Identity and Belonging in Post-Conflict Society” (MIXED) Research Group invites applications for a full-time or part-time postdoctoral research position.

Duration of employment: February 1, 2027 – January 31, 2029

Working hours: Full-time (40 hours) or Part-time (20 hours)

Salary: Competitive researcher salary

University: Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Budapest

Expected start: February 1, 2027

Application deadline: October 16, 2026

The Research Project

<https://tatk.elte.hu/en/strategicprojects/mixedfamilies>

The Lendület MIXED research group focuses on mixed families – specifically ethnically, linguistically, religiously, and nationally mixed – both from a historical and contemporary comparative perspective. The project combines qualitative, quantitative, and historical research methods with a special focus on family and individual identities, intergenerational processes, social integration, mobility, and minority-majority relations. The location focus of the research is on Hungary and the Central and Southeast European region.

The research group is looking for a social historian or sociologist who can actively participate in the empirical research and joint publication work of the project with their research profile and methodological experience.

Main tasks

In particular, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- planning and implementing social science research: systematization, coding, analysis, and interpretation of research materials
- conducting archival and other historical source research, as well as linking historical and contemporary empirical materials

- processing qualitative - primarily interview - materials
- active participation in the fieldwork of the research group
- independent and co-authored scientific studies in English for international journals
- active participation in the joint publications, conference presentations, and other scientific results of the research group
- regular participation in the professional meetings of the research group and close cooperation with the other members of the research group
- contributing to the organization of scientific events, workshops, and conferences of the project
- managing the social media platforms of the research group and actively participating in the scientific communication of the project
- participation in the educational tasks of ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences by agreement.

Requirements for the Position

All applicants must have:

- a PhD degree and satisfy one of the following criteria: (a) a degree in sociology or a related social science, **or** (b) a degree in social history (társadalomtörténet)
- obtained their PhD degree in 2019 or thereafter
- a high level of oral and written proficiency in both Hungarian and English
- previous verifiable participation in social history research
- scientific publication experience, with special regard to studies published in peer-reviewed journals
- verifiable experience in independently preparing and/or co-authoring scholarly publications
- commitment to interdisciplinary research collaborations
- openness and ability to work in a team, including co-authored publications
- precise, independent, and reliable work

Advantages for the Position

The following aspects are considered as an advantage for an applicant, but are not required for a successful application:

- knowledge of a Balkan/South Slavic language – especially Serbian, Croatian, or Bosnian
- significant experience in archival research and processing historical sources
- verifiable experience in qualitative social science research and the ability to carry out independent fieldwork

- experience in conducting interviews, oral history, or intergenerational research
- previous research in ethnicity, nationalism, minority studies, migration, family sociology, identity, social integration, or related fields
- experience in interdisciplinary research collaboration
- experience in an international research environment and research group

Documents to be submitted for the application

To apply, please submit the following documents:

- a professional CV of no more than 3 pages, including the applicant's most important publications and research experience
- a motivation letter of no more than 1 page, in which the applicant briefly presents how his/her previous research experience and professional profile are related to the MIXED research program of Lendület, and how he/she could contribute to the work of the research group
- a scholarly study in English from the applicant's previous work
- a scientific study written in Hungarian or in one of the Balkan/South Slavic languages from the applicant's previous work(s).

Interested candidates who meet the above criteria are invited to submit their application. Please send your CV, motivation letter, and supporting documents to mixedmomentum@tatk.elte.hu by October 16, 2026.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to mixedmomentum@tatk.elte.hu.

Selected candidates may be interviewed either in person or online during the final week of October. Notification of the awarded position will be during the first week of November.