

Department name: Department of Philosophy and Bioethics, Faculty of Health Sciences, Jagiellonian University Medical College, **City:** Krakow
Position: Research Assistant

Grant Program: Central European Leuven Strategic Alliance

Research Project: Deception by design. Characteristics and acceptability of research strategies that intentionally mislead research participants

The research project summary:

The project's focus is on the ethical aspects related to research strategies that purposefully mislead research participants. Although methodologies that use deception in their design could potentially increase relevant scientific knowledge in a huge number of areas, there is a lack of understanding about the conditions under which such a methodology is justified and a lack of clarity about what constitutes an appropriate context in which research participants can be deceived. Therefore, the use of deception in research studies has been heavily criticized because of ethical concerns regarding its use; because of the lack of proper informed consent and the fact of misleading the participant to the real purpose of the study. More recently, the development of the General Data Protection Regulation challenges the use of deception even more. This project will allow (1) to systematically identify research studies that used deception; (2) to investigate the experiences of researchers who have used a methodology in which deception was used; and (3) to systematically map research ethics guidelines and recommendations in order to analyze to what extent and the ways in which recommendations deal with the use of deception in research. This project will be jointly supervised with prof. Pascal Borry (Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, KU Leuven, Belgium) and professor Dieter Baeyens (Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium). The aim of the project is also to prepare grant applications that will allow for the expansion of research issues.

Requirements:

- Master's degree in humanities (e.g. philosophy), social sciences (e.g. law, psychology), health or medical sciences;
- An outstanding academic record at undergraduate and master's degree level;
- Highly motivated candidate with strong interest in the ethical and social aspects of research involving human;
- Experience with empirical qualitative methods in the social and health sciences (e.g., document analysis, interviews);
- Proven proficiency in English, both written and orally;
- Strong writing and analytical skills;
- Good communication and organization skills;

- Ability to work in a project, especially in an international and multidisciplinary one, with the ability to meet deadlines within the defined project time;
- Ability to work in a team.

Scope of work:

- preparing an ERC Synergy grant proposal
- preparing a Horizon Europe grant proposal
- participation in the research activities:
 - systematic review
 - qualitative data analysis (interviews)
 - normative ethics analysis
 - analysis of legal documents and codes of ethical conduct

Offers accepted till: 20.10.2021

Application: email: jan.piasecki@uj.edu.pl

Job offer:

- work in an interdisciplinary and international research team
- salary in the amount of approximately 3000 PLN per month (24 months, contract of mandate – “umowa zlecenie”)
- starting date: 10.2021
- the opportunity to gain new skills
- ongoing evaluation of academic progress

Additional information

An e-mail application should include:

- CV in English - with the following clause: >> I consent to the processing of my personal data contained in my offer for the purposes of the recruitment process in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act of August 29, 1997 (uniform text: Journal of Laws from 2016, item 922, as amended) <<
- Cover letter in English
- References with contact details (email, phone) from two referees (e.g. tutor, employer)
- A copy of the master's diploma

Application should be sent to the email address: jan.piasecki@uj.edu.pl with title "CESLA_Deception by design"

Required documents should be attached in PDF format.

We will confirm the receipt of the application to the sender's email.

After the initial verification based on the documents submitted, selected candidates may be invited to perform a recruitment task followed by an interview.

The selected candidate will be informed by e-mail.

If you are interested, please contact the project manager who can provide additional information:

e-mail: jan.piasecki@uj.edu.pl

phone: 690 580 448

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