

Field Research Assistant

PhD project: Young people's (im)mobility aspirations and capabilities in protracted displacement

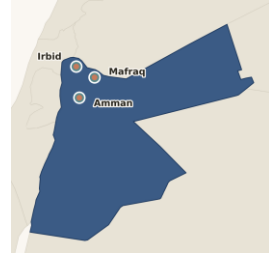


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PERIOD: Sep 2026 – Jun 2027

WORKLOAD: Approx. 25–30 days

About: My name is Karin, and I am a PhD researcher at Maastricht University, UNU-MERIT. I research how young Syrians (18-35 years) who have lived in Jordan since 2011 think about and decide whether to stay in Jordan, return to Syria, or move to another country, and how these decisions shape and are shaped by broader life plans. As part of my fieldwork, I plan to conduct several rounds of in-person (Amman, Irbid, Mafrq) and remote interviews between September 2026 and June 2027. I am looking for a field research assistant to support me during fieldwork.



What would you do

- Help recruit and contact participants, and schedule interviews in person and online.
- Assist in setting up the interviews and take notes. If travel to other cities is required, the PhD researcher will arrange or reimburse transportation.
- Provide light interpretation when needed. The PhD researcher will lead the interview in Arabic but may occasionally need support.
- Take part in debriefs with the PhD researcher after the interviews.
- Check the accuracy of selected automated Arabic transcriptions against the audio.
- Help prepare youth-friendly material about the research for the website and social media.

Expected workload: Around 25-30 days between September 2026 and June 2027. This is not a full-time role, so it can be combined with work and/or studies. Support is expected during September-October, January-February, and May-June.

Compensation: Payment will be made monthly based on the number of days.

Who is this role for: someone interested in qualitative research and fieldwork on migration and youth. You will receive practical training before starting fieldwork, and you will always work alongside the PhD researcher.

- Native Arabic speaker and a working level of spoken English. The PhD researcher speaks Arabic (Levantine).
- Currently enrolled in university or a graduate student is desirable but not mandatory.
- Good communication skills and attention to detail.
- Previous experience and/or interest in qualitative research or fieldwork.
- Previous experience and/or interest in working with youth, refugee and migrant populations.

How to apply: Send your CV or a few lines about who you are and why you are interested to k.schmidtmartinez@student.maastrichtuniversity.nl