

The Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) is one of the largest universities in Germany. Thanks to its location in the Rhine-Main science region, the university can unlock its full potential and showcase its innovative power and dynamism. Its status as a comprehensive university allows for multidisciplinary learning and teaching and has considerable potential for internationally-renowned and interdisciplinary research. Almost all of its institutes are located on a single campus close to the Mainz city center – creating a lively academic culture for researchers, teaching staff, and students from every continent.

The Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie (LEIZA) is a globally-operating, archaeological research institute and museum of the Leibniz Association headquartered in Mainz, with two other locations in Neuwied and Mayen. Since its foundation in 1852 it has dedicated itself to the material legacy of more than 2.6 million years of human history, with the goal of understanding human behaviour and activity as well as the development and transformation of societies. As a Leibniz-Research Museum, public outreach via publications, events, exhibitions and educational programs form a central part of the LEIZA working program.

The **Institute of Art History and Musicology** at the **Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies** invites applications for the position of

University Professor of Christian Archaeology and Byzantine Art History

as part of a joint appointment with the LEIZA, beginning at the earliest possible date.

Salary grade W 2 LBesG

This newly-established professorship is advertised for the Leibniz ScienceCampus (LWC) “Byzantium between Orient and Occident” and aims at the long-term establishment of a research focus on interdisciplinary research on Byzantium in the Rhine-Main region at the intersection between the university and Leibniz institution, which has been developed since 2011. Within the framework of the joint appointment, according to the leave of absence model, the professorship is associated with the deputy management of the Competence Area (CA) Early History and Byzantium at the LEIZA.

Tasks and expectations:

We are looking for a candidate with a proven track record of scientific excellence in national and international research contexts as well of compelling teaching with innovative concepts. The candidate must already possess or be willing to develop, in the form of a convincing presentation in the application, a focus on the material culture of the Eastern Mediterranean. Knowledge of Ancient Greek is required. Expertise in the fields of Iconography and in a form of Art History oriented upon Cultural Studies is desirable.

The successful candidate is expected to play a key role in advancing the content-related and strategic development of the LWC and its international profile, as well as to link this with the research of the LEIZA. Primary tasks include the implementation of the LWC’s research agenda, participation in joint initiatives and the application for third-party funding on the main topics of the LWC and the LEIZA.

As deputy head of the CA Early History and Byzantium of the LEIZA, you will also be responsible for the further development of the research projects of the CA within the framework of the LEIZA research fields. In this function, we also expect your involvement in the further strategic development of the LEIZA in terms of content, a commitment to the sphere of public outreach and the assumption of tasks in the area of science management of the Leibniz institution.

The teaching load of the professorship at JGU initially carries four course credits (two courses), later two course

credits (one course) per semester in the relevant programs of study within the department. In addition, you will participate in the further development of the course offerings. A readiness and capability to teach in German and English are prerequisites.

Requirements:

- In addition to the general requirements according to public services law, applicants must meet the recruitment requirements stipulated in Section 49 of the *Hochschulgesetz* of Rhineland-Palatinate.
- In addition to the doctorate in a relevant field, proof of excellent academic achievements is required.
- Experience in the acquisition of third-party funding.
- An exceptional pedagogical disposition and experience in academic teaching.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and JGU are committed to the close personal mentoring of students and therefore expect teaching staff to maintain a strong presence at the university. The same applies to their research tasks at the LEIZA. In addition, a cooperative, team-oriented work ethic, strong communication skills, and the willingness to assume responsibility – including further professional development in accordance with JGU’s leadership guidelines – are also expected.

What we have to offer:

The JGU and the LEIZA emphatically support making family and career compatible and promote their employees’ further professional development with an extensive package of offerings.

As places of diversity, the JGU and the LEIZA welcome qualified applications from people of varied backgrounds.

The JGU and the LEIZA are committed to increasing the proportion of women in academia and therefore especially encourage female researchers to apply.

Candidates with severe disabilities and appropriate qualifications will be given priority.

Please apply via the application portal of the JGU at the following link: <https://berufungsportal.uni-mainz.de/daten-abfrage/CABK>.

Here you may submit your complete application by **November 22nd 2023** at the latest, including a CV, transcripts, degree certificates, lists of publications and teaching activities; a statement on current and future research projects, funding record and your plans for the direction of the professorship.

For questions and further information, please contact the chairperson of the search committee Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gregor Wedekind (gregor.wedekind@uni-mainz.de).

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