



The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn is an international research university that offers a wide range of degree programs. With 200 years of history, about 38,000 students, over 6.000 employees, and an excellent domestic and international reputation, Bonn University is among Germany's leading universities.

Starting at the **1st January 2019** and preliminarily limited to a fixed contract **until 31st December 2022**, the Faculty of Philosophy is seeking for two

Research Associates (PhD Positions), (65%)

The successful candidates will work in the Junior Research Group "Beyond Slavery: Dependency in Asian History".

The Junior Research Group "Dependency in Asian History" is integrated in the new research unit "Dependency and Slavery Studies" of the Faculty of Philosophy and in the [Bonn Centre for Dependency and Slavery Studies](#), established in 2017 within the Faculty of Philosophy. The Bonn Centre for Dependency and Slavery Studies offers excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary and comparative study of different forms of dependencies from the Ancient to the present times, across many regions.

Job description

The successful candidates will formulate independent projects within the [Junior Research Group "Beyond Slavery: Dependency in Asian History"](#). "Dependency in Asian History" explores dependency *in* East Asian societies throughout history, but also dependency *from* Asian experiences and configurations. This includes any issue relevant to the study of "Slavery and Dependency", from any discipline and in any period. Topics can therefore be of a wide variety (from micro studies to wide scale approaches). "Dependency in Asian History" is also committed to contribute, through individual projects and collective emulation, to writing a new "Grammar of dependency". Projects engaging explicitly with this issue are welcome, as are proposals relying on the methods of digital humanities and/or global history.

The positions are funded for four years on a salary of 65% of the [tariff of TV-L-E13](#), which comes to about 30 000€ per annum before taxes. The successful candidates will receive a salary and social security benefits. In addition, access to extra funding for archival trips and participation in conferences will be available. Ph.D. candidates at the University of Bonn are advised to enroll as PhD students at the bi-annual "fee" of about 250€. These include access to public transport in the region of North Rhine-Westphalia, as well as student discounts at museums, cinemas, and other benefits.

Expectations

Applicants are required to have a completed university degree (Master, Magister or Staatsexamen) in history, cultural history, history of ideas, or other similar areas of study relevant for the research group.

We welcome applications from all over the world. English is the working language within the Junior Research Group "Beyond Slavery: Dependency in Asian History" and in the Research Unit "Dependency and Slavery Studies".

How to apply

Applicants are invited to submit:

1. An **application** consisting in: (a) a **curriculum vitae**; (b) a **list of publications**; and (c) one **copy of their MA certificate**;
2. An **outline of the research project** they would like to develop during the Ph.D. (max. four A4-pages, double-spaced), including: key research questions and hypotheses; originality of the proposed project vis-à-vis available studies (with a list of max. 5 key publications); sources and methodology; connections of the proposed project with, and relevance for, the topic of the Junior Research Group.
3. The **name and contact of two referees** (position, professional address and e-mail).

The University of Bonn is committed to diversity and equal opportunity. It is certified as a family-friendly university. It aims to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are under-represented and to promote their careers in particular. It therefore urges women with relevant qualifications to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the *Landesgleichstellungsgesetz* (State Equality Act). Applications from suitable individuals with a certified serious disability and those of equal status are particularly welcome.

If you are interested in this position, please send your **complete application documents** by **20th July 2018** to dependency@uni-bonn.de **with the application code 28/18/3.13**. Before sending your application, please combine and convert all of your documents into one PDF file. For further information please contact Jeannine Bischoff, email: dependency@uni-bonn.de.