



Faculty/Departement Humanities/
Seminar/Institute Abteilung für Afrikanistik und Äthiopistik / Asien-Afrika-Institut

Universität Hamburg invites applications for a Research Associate for the project **“African voices in the Islamic manuscripts from Mali: documenting and exploring African languages written in Arabic script (Ajami)”** in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG). The position commences on 1 November 2017.

It is remunerated at the salary level TV-L 13 and calls for 75 % of standard work hours per week*.

The fixed-term nature of this contract is based upon Section 2 of the Academic Fixed-Term Labor Contract Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of three years.

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg Equality Act (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

Responsibilities:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates can also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

Specific Duties:

The successful candidate will work on the "Ajami" project and is expected to pursue a PhD degree. The identification and cataloguing of the manuscripts will be followed by a historical or a linguistic analysis, depending on the candidate's expertise and research interest. The role will require regular field work in Mali. The candidate will closely work with the project teams in Hamburg and Bamako and will contribute to presentations and publications. The candidate will collaborate with the other West African projects based at the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures and participate in research activities of the Centre.

Requirements:

A university degree in a relevant field. Further requirements include: familiarity with the academic study of manuscripts; excellent computer literacy; a good knowledge of Bambara (and/or other languages of Mali), Arabic, French and English. Expertise in relevant disciplines, for example sociolinguistics or Islamic palaeography and codicology, will also be an asset.

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.



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Severely disabled applicants will receive preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants.

For further information, please contact Dr. Dmitry Bondarev or consult our website at https://www.manuscript-cultures.uni-hamburg.de/ajami/index_e.html.

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). The application deadline is 20 September 2017. Please send applications to: Dr. Dmitry Bondarev, dmitry.bondarev@uni-hamburg.de (in one PDF including a cover letter specifying the motivation, curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s), and contact details of two referees).