



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 "Punishment, Labour, Dependency". The Junior Research Group "Punishment, Labour, Dependency" is integrated 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 "Punishment, Labour, Dependency"](#). This explores the functions which various forms of punishment (e.g. capital punishment, corporal punishment, exile, penal transportation, administrative deportation and imprisonment) have played in connection to multiple labour relations (e.g. slavery, tributary labour, wage labour and indentured labour). Furthermore, it addresses the way these entanglements between punishment and labour relations have resulted in the creation of individual, social and spatial dependency.

The proposed projects might address relevant issues on any period in history and on any geographical area. A focus on periods before the eighteenth century and/or regions beyond Western Europe and the European colonies is welcome.

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 euros 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. PhD candidates at the University of Bonn are advised to enrol as PhD students at the bi-annual "fee" of about 250 euros. This includes 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 "Punishment, Labour, Dependency" and in the Research Unit "Dependency and Slavery Studies".

#### **How to apply**

Applicants are invited to submit:

1. their **application**, consisting in: a) **curriculum vitae**; b) a **list of publications**; c) one **copy of the MA certificate**;
2. an **outline of the research project** they would like to develop during the PhD (max four A4-pages), 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 suit-

able 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](mailto:dependency@uni-bonn.de) **with the application code 30/18/3.13**. 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](mailto:dependency@uni-bonn.de).