

The University Hospital Bonn is a maximum care hospital with 1,300 beds. Our currently more than 8,000 employees perform tasks in research, teaching and patient care, including high-performance medicine, as well as in public health at the highest level. Interested applicants are offered a wide range of employment opportunities in the most diverse areas.

The Institute for Medical Humanities at the University of Bonn is seeking to appoint a research associate. It is anticipated that the appointee will take up their post on 1 July 2021. The position is a part-time one (65% - E 13 TV-L) and is initially limited to two years.

The project relating to the history of medicine and medical ethics “Vigilance as an Ideal, a Strategy and a Method in Medical Culture during the Early Modern period”, led by Prof. Dr. Mariacarla Gadebusch Bondio, is part of the Collaborative Research Center (CRC) 1369 “Cultures of Vigilance: Transformations – Spaces - Practices”, which has been running at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich since 1 July 2019. The CRC combines experts and methods/practices from the fields of History, Ethnology and European Ethnology, Ottoman Empire Studies, Criminology, the History of Law and the History of Medicine, North American Studies, German Medieval Studies, English Studies and Drama Studies. The project covers periods in history ranging from the Assyrian Empire all the way up to the 21st century. Within this interdisciplinary context, historical and cultural foundations of vigilance, as well as the employment of individual attention and vigilance for supra-individual goals, are investigated.

The project relating to the history of medicine and medical ethics is dedicated to examining how the vigilance of physicians was a kind of moral stance taken during doctor-patient interactions during the Early Modern period, and how this stance was viewed both as a practice-oriented competency and as an epistemic method for developing knowledge and creating traditions of various medical practices.

Selection criteria:

- a completed degree with a main focus on the history of science (in particular the history of medicine) and/or philosophy in the Early Modern period
- very good knowledge of Latin
- good knowledge of the English language, which is important due to the international character of the CRC
- an interest in the topics dealt with within the subproject (CRC)
- an interest in interdisciplinary work within the context of the CRC

The role/responsibilities:

- research work within the context of the CRC subproject - the possibility to gain further qualifications/a qualification
- collaborating on project-based publications
- helping organise events within the context of the project
- taking part and helping plan collaborative research center events and those held by the integrated graduate school
- the candidate will be expected to work as an assistant lecturer for the Institute for Medical Humanities (cross-sectional field 2: History, Theory and Ethics in Medicine)
- dedication, motivation and the ability to work well within a team and to collaborate well with others
- the appointee must be able to physically work in Bonn, as well as to take part in virtual events hosted by the CRC in Munich

What we will be offering:

- the possibility to work at two excellent universities

- an interdisciplinary research and teaching environment at the intersection between medicine the humanities and the social sciences
- access to the institute's library, which houses prominent works relating to the field of history, theory and ethics in medicine
- Pay grade: TV-L (EG 13) (including all benefits)

Please submit the following:

- cover letter
- curriculum vitae
- degree and qualification certificates (transcript of records; including secondary school leaving examination certificate)
- a short abstract relating to your final thesis/dissertation
- proof of academic activities (if already applicable) (participation in conferences, publications etc.)

Candidates with disabilities will not be discriminated against and will be given preferential treatment if all application criteria are met. We would welcome applications made by women.

Your main place of work will be at the Institute for Medical Humanities at the University Hospital Bonn. Candidates must be both able and willing to travel to take part in events held in Munich and to work there.

Contact/Questions:

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the sub-project leader Prof. Dr. Dr. Mariacarla Gadebusch Bondio.

Please send your application documents in full by e-mail to the below-listed address by 30 April 2021:

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