

Job ID: IKGA100DOC125

The Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

## POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)

(full-time, 40h per week)

focused on the history and/or philosophy of scholastic traditions in Tibetan Buddhism, starting **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** or soon after this date.

Until 30.06.2026, the position is part of the ERC-funded consolidator project [TibSchol](#) - "The Dawn of Tibetan Buddhist Scholasticism (11th–13thc.)" (H2020-CoG-101001002). A continuing position will be awarded on a fixed-term basis for 3 years following an interim assessment.

### Your tasks:

- Conduct independent research on the scholastic traditions of Tibetan Buddhism based on original language sources in Tibetan. The focus should be in the area of scholastic networks and/or specific tools and themes in scholastic literature. Consideration of the formative phase of Tibetan scholasticism is required in the first phase of employment (until 30.06.2026).
- Participate in data management of TibSchol prosopographical database and digital library
- Publish at the highest scientific level and present research findings at academic events
- Participate in the institute's activities by (co-)organizing academic events

### Your profile:

- Completed doctoral degree or PhD in Buddhist Studies or Tibetan Studies
- Excellent knowledge of Classical Tibetan; knowledge of Sanskrit is an advantage
- Experience, demonstrated in publications and/or PhD thesis, in historical research involving Tibetan sources and/or philosophically oriented research based on Tibetan sources in original language; experience with sources in cursive script an advantage.
- Deep familiarity with the early Tibetan religious and scholarly context and the dynamics of intellectual exchanges. Familiarity with the relevant textual corpus as well as research in the field
- Skills in the use of digital humanities tools and high computer literacy (experience with TEI/XML a plus)
- Capacity to carry out research independently and as part of a team
- Excellent command of English (written and spoken) and strong inter-personal skills

The annual gross salary according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) is € 69.028,40 (before taxes). Funds for conference and travel are available within the limits of the institute's budget.

Please email your application by **September 15, 2025** as a **single PDF document** and without further attachments to [office.ikga@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:office.ikga@oeaw.ac.at) (subject "Application Tibetan Studies, Job ID: IKGA100DOC125"). Application materials should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of publications including a download link to a folder containing your PhD thesis and at least two relevant publications, the name of one reference we may contact, and an outline of planned research (2-3 pages) indicating in particular how these research interests align with the TibSchol project.

For questions about the position, you may contact Pascale Hugon ([pascale.hugon@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:pascale.hugon@oeaw.ac.at)).

*Information on data protection in the application procedure can be found here: <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/oeaw/data-protection/job-applications>.*

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