

Job ID: OeAI108TEC224

The Austrian Archaeological Institute ([OeAI](#)) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), the largest non-university establishment for fundamental research in Austria, is offering a position as

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (F/M/X)

(full-time, 40 hours per week)

for a duration of 3 years.

For the geochemical analysis of archaeological pigments and mass spectrometry method development in the ERC StG [HUE](#) and the [Geochemistry Lab](#) of the [Archaeological Sciences](#) Unit at OeAI.

Through material provenance and processing, HUE brings the organization of pigment production into focus to investigate trade networks and their response to economic and political change. To address this, HUE aims to establish a physical and digital pigment-specific reference database paired with a toolset for pigment analysis: least invasive sampling strategies, key pigments and geochemical tools. This includes petrographic, mineralogical and geochemical analysis and reference data mapping for different areas and periods. A dedicated MC-ICP-MS (Neoma / Thermo) is available for this.

The successful applicant is expected to contribute to the project goals and to focus on sample analysis by MC-ICP-MS (troubleshooting expected, own method development possible). The tasks for this position include sample processing incl. ion chromatography and analysis by mass spectrometry (ICP-MS, MC-ICP-MS, TIMS), instrument operation, technical maintenance, and raw data interpretation (incl. quality control and record keeping), coordinating the usage of the clean lab and mass spectrometer, ensuring correct storage of expendables following national and international standards and regulations.

Your profile:

- PhD or equivalent working experience in Geology, Earth or Planetary Sciences, Chemistry or a related field; experience of working in a research environment
- Knowledge of clean laboratory work incl. preparation and purification of samples
- Experience with (troubleshooting) TIMS and MC-ICP-MS
- Mineralogy-petrography skills and other analytical techniques are considered a plus
- Motivated to be part of an international team, well organized and flexible
- Excellent communication skills (min. B2 in English, German is not crucial)
- Motivated to contribute to scientific publications and to applications for third-party funding

We offer:

- An exceptional working environment and the possibility to develop your analytical profile
- Excellent infrastructure and possibilities for career development
- Good public transport connections: your workplace is in the center of Vienna
- Depending on qualifications, an annual gross salary according to the collective agreement of the OeAW of € 50.029,70.

Applications in English (in one pdf): (1) a single front page including the key points of your profile and application incl. your interest and availability, (2) a letter of motivation incl. previous work experiences (max. 2 pages), (3) CV (max. 3 pages), (4) list of publications if available, (5) certificates of academic degrees if available, and (6) names and contact details of three referees.

Please send your application via e-mail to oeai-personal@oeaw.ac.at (mentioning Job ID: OeAI108TEC224) by **30th of August 2024**. The expected starting date is November 01st, 2024. Applications remain open until the position is filled. If you would like to receive more details about the project or research environment, contact Alexandra Rodler-Rørbo (alexandra.rodler-rorbo@oeaw.ac.at).

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.