

The Institute of Iranian Studies ([IFI](#)) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([ÖAW](#)) and the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies of the [University of Vienna](#) jointly offer a position as a

**Group Leader and a Tenure Track Professorship (m/f/d)
for
Caucasus Studies**

(full employment).

Your responsibilities:

- Developing an independent Caucasus-related cultural and social historical research profile in its temporal and spatial dimensions as well as a project portfolio in the research framework of the IFI
- Developing a Caucasus research program at the Faculty Centre for Transdisciplinary Historical-Cultural Studies at the University of Vienna and contributing to and participating in the activities of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies at the University of Vienna
- Teaching two semester hours per week (to be raised to four semester hours per week after evaluation)
- Establishing and managing a Caucasus Forum that coordinates the existing and new Austrian research activities on the Caucasus.

Your profile:

- Doctoral degree in a discipline related to the field of Caucasus Studies
- Strong track record in Caucasus Studies ideally covering the entire Caucasus, its (relations to) neighbouring regions and the larger Eurasian area; an excellent publication record and international reputation
- Open mindedness towards novel approaches from the social science and contemporary history
- Research related competences in at least one regional language and in at least one of the historical transregional languages of the region
- Strong record in designing and implementing research projects; leadership experience; willingness to secure third-party funding
- Potential to successfully acquire an ERC grant or a comparable prestigious grant within the qualification period
- Enthusiasm for excellent teaching; teaching experience at universities or teaching concept; ability and willingness to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, to supervise Masters and PhD students, and to mentor early career researchers

We expect the successful candidate to gain proficiency in German sufficient for BA courses and for contributing to management and administration in both institutions.

We offer:

- An employment of 50% at the OEAW and 50% at the University of Vienna: a position as "group leader" at the Institute of Iranian Studies (IFI) of the OEAW, which will become permanent upon successful evaluation; the prospect of gaining a tenured position of an associate professor and the option of an eventual promotion to the rank of full professor at the University of Vienna. Initially, the successful candidate will be appointed as an assistant professor for a maximum of six years. Upon meeting the criteria outlined in the qualification agreement, the assistant professor will attain the status of a tenured associate professor, thereby obtaining a tenured position at the university. A further promotion of an associate professors to the rank of full professor is contingent upon a competitive university-internal procedure. If the candidate does not meet the aforementioned criteria, the employment will be terminated upon expiration of the contract.
- At the OEAW: a gross salary according to the collective agreement of at least € 5.059,06 (full-time based) per month. At the University of Vienna: at least a salary according to the [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) for University Staff: section 49, job group A2. We provide a competitive salary package subject to the fulfillment of the requisite qualifications.
- Apart from the mandatory social insurance, the University of Vienna and the OEAW extend a retirement plan to its personnel.
- Competitive resources (staff and material) to establish a research group at the IFI.
- A dynamic research environment
- Attractive working conditions in the most liveable city of the world
- Services and support by central service units of the University of Vienna and the OEAW

We pursue a non-discriminatory employment policy and value equal opportunities and diversity. In particular, individuals from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

We would be pleased to have aroused your interest in this position and ask you to send your meaningful, written application together with all the application documents listed below electronically **in a single PDF document by 22 September 2023** at the latest to bewerbung@oeaw.ac.at and to tenuretrack.personal@univie.ac.at stating the job ID: IFI056GL123. Your application documents may be passed on between the ÖAW and the University of Vienna ([Data Protection Declaration of the University of Vienna for applicants](#), [Data Protection Declaration of the ÖAW for applicants](#)).

Application documents

1. Cover Sheet and Table of Contents
2. **Letter of application** including a brief description of:
 - Motivation to apply
 - Current research interests and plans for future research
 - A concept for a Caucasus Research Group at the IFI of the OEAW
 - Current and planned focus in academic teaching and supervision of young researchers.
3. **Academic curriculum vitae**, including information about:



- Education, degrees (incl. information about the PhD granting institution and the exact date DD.MM.YYYY when the PhD was conferred), professional experience as well as applicable family/care/... times
- "Esteem factors" (e.g. experiences as an editor, positions in research societies or program committees)
- Previous and current academic and professional cooperation
- 4. **List of publications** with
 - Highlighted five most important publications related to the advertised position;
 - Internet links to these five most important publications (if not available open access: electronic transmission of the full text of the publications as PDF files in the appendix)
 - Description of publication strategy including the intended publication organs and journals
 - Information on peer review of the publications.
- 5. **List of lectures and presentations**
 - Invited lectures and presentations at international conferences
- 6. **List of third-party funding**
 - Third-party funded projects acquired as project leader (role, topic, duration, funding body, funding volume)
- 7. **List of courses and supervised theses**
 - Courses taught and final theses supervised
 - Teaching and supervision concept (max. 3 pages)

Attachment to the application letter (in a single PDF or ZIP file with the designation "Surname_Name_Anhaenge.pdf/zip"):

- a. **Five most important publications electronically as full text** (if not open access and online)
- b. **Teaching evaluations** (if available, in a single PDF file)
- c. **Certificates of academic degrees** (obligatory, summarised in a single PDF file)