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The Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's central non-university research and science institution, seeks to appoint a new

DIRECTOR (F*M) WITH TENURE *at the Institute for Medieval Research.*

The statutory mission of the OeAW is to “promote science in every aspect”. It fulfils its mission through a total of 25 research institutes which are engaged in innovative research of international standing in a variety of disciplines.

The Institute for Medieval Research in Vienna (IMAFO; <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/IMAFO/>) is a vibrant and productive hub for medieval research. IMAFO pursues innovative and cutting-edge approaches to medieval history through cultural and social studies as well as through the interpretation of the medieval heritage of Europe and Byzantium. Further research foci are on Digital Humanities, Historical Auxiliary Sciences, and source studies.

The new Director will complement and further enhance the institute's outstanding research profile by supporting interdisciplinarity. The successful candidate will be open to new ideas and be abreast of the latest international developments and new directions in medieval research, thereby fostering conditions that will allow excellent medieval research to flourish. The IMAFO is part of the vibrant local research environment comprising the numerous historical, archaeological and humanities institutes of OeAW and other research institutions in Vienna.

The OeAW is looking for a strong and ambitious person with innovative research ideas and an outstanding academic track record, including success in winning major research grants. The ideal candidate will be a creative scholar with strong leadership and management skills who is well connected within the international scholarly community. The OeAW seeks to appoint a Director who is enthusiastic about pursuing his or her own research within IMAFO while also enhancing and encouraging the research of existing IMAFO staff. Recruiting outstanding talent to fill new appointments will be among the Director's key responsibilities.

The IMAFO receives basic funding from the OeAW, and additional national and international third-party funding for designated research projects. The institute offers a world-class scholarly and collaborative research environment for about 50 scholars and is supported by skilled in-house administrative and technical staff.

We offer an attractive recruitment package that includes an internationally competitive salary and a substantial annual research budget (personnel, consumables). The work contract is tenured. The OeAW pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply. The role as Director is subject to evaluation every 5 years.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply and submit a detailed application to President Anton Zeilinger and Vice President Arnold Suppan at IMAFO.search.director@oeaw.ac.at, containing the following:

- Research concept and proposal for the strategic development of the IMAFO (maximum 4 pages)
- Curriculum vitae including an overview of recent research activities and funding (maximum 5 pages)
- A list of publications, with pdf files of the four most important publications

Applications will be treated in strict confidence. Applications should be received by April 18, 2022.