The *Phonogrammarchiv* (PHA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria’s leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a position in the field of

**AUDIO TECHNOLOGY: PRACTICE & RESEARCH**

(full-time / 40 hours per week)

to be filled as soon as possible.

As the world’s oldest archive for scientific sound recordings, the OeAW’s PHA has developed into a multidisciplinary center for audio-visual research documentation over the course of its 120-year history. It has contributed significantly to the preservation, restoration, and transfer of historical sound recordings as well as to the development of recording and playback technology. The PHA is an international leader concerning its expertise in practice and research in the field of audio-technology. Located at the intersection of academia and the public, research and service, the PHA is seeking dedicated support for its audio team.

**Your tasks**

**Practice – as part of a team**

- Digitization, restoration, and long-term preservation of historical audio carriers
- Analogue and digital collection management
- Evaluation and, if necessary, modification of digitization strategies as well as workflows, routines, and controls
- Planning, procurement, maintenance, and servicing of audio equipment (studio equipment & field research equipment)
- Scientific recording projects
- Digital restoration & mastering
- Digitization projects and workshops with external partners nationally & internationally; training of field researchers

**Research**

- Research, presentations, and publications in the field of audio technology; acquisition of third-party funding

**Other activities**

- Involvement in various initiatives of the PHA; networking within the OeAW, nationally & internationally

The task portfolio is weighed according to the following activities: Practice 60-70%, Research 20-30%, Other activities 10-20%.

**Your profile**

- Academic degree in a subject relevant to the job portfolio, profound knowledge of the basics of analogue audio technology
- Expertise in the digitization and treatment of historical audio carriers of various formats and experience in the use of appropriate recording and playback equipment; analytical sense of hearing
- Research activity in the field of audio-technology on topics such as signal extraction, preservation of sound carriers, the historical development of recording technologies, or recording technology in field research
- Expertise in project work, regular publication and conference activities; desirable: experience in third-party funding acquisition
- Knowledge of analogue and digital collection management as well as strategies for long-term preservation
- Sensitivity for the ethical handling of audio-visual cultural assets of global provenance
- Desirable: experience in digital restoration & mastering, expertise in the restoration of analogue sound carriers
- International networking, training, and project experience, preferably also international work experience and involvement in international professional societies
- Strong team orientation and communication skills
- Very good German and good English skills or very good English and good German skills
Our offer

- Excellent opportunities for diverse practical and scientific work at an institution rich in tradition in the center of Vienna
- Room for co-design and own initiatives in a committed team
- Flexible and family-friendly working hours
- Offers for further education
- The position is offered for a period of 3 years with the option of a permanent contract.

The annual minimum gross salary according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) for this position is € 41,490.96

Your application documents in German or English include (1) letter of motivation (max. 2 pages), (2) tabular CV, (3) list of conference participation and publications, (4) academic references, (5) work references.

Please send your application in PDF format, quoting Job ID PHA042TEC122, via e-mail to bewerbung@oeaw.ac.at no later than April 25, 2022. Please direct inquiries to the PHA Director, Dr. Kerstin Klenke: kerstin.klenke@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.