

Research Fellow

The Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg) offers a vacant job position for a

Research Fellow Jewish Studies / Masorah Research (E 13 100%; fixed-term employment), start: July 1, 2018.

The Long Term Project (12 years; 2018–2029) Corpus Masoreticum: The Inculturation of the Masorah into Jewish Law and Lore from the 11th to the 13th Centuries: Digital Acquisition of a Forgotten Domain of Knowledge will be established by the German Research Foundation in 2018 at Heidelberg's Center for Jewish Studies. The aim of this project is the edition, documentation, and annotation of the Western European (Ashkenazic) Masorah tradition between the 11th and 13th centuries, which differs from the oriental Masorah not only with respect to its philological content but also regarding its layout and mise-en-texte (masora figurata). The philological work will be integrated into a digital work environment (BIMA Biblical Masora database), which will be hosted by the Abraham Berliner Center at the Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg, and whose edition files and raw data will be incorporated by the University Library Heidelberg after the project's termination. Results of a preceding pilot scheme that has been running within the Collaborative Research Center 933 Material Text Cultures (<http://www.materiale-textkulturen.org/subproject.php?tp=B04&up=&fp=2>) are documented here: <http://bima.corpusmasoreticum.de/#/> .

For this purpose, the PI Prof. Dr. Hanna Liss is looking for an exceptionally qualified research fellow (Post-Doc) willing to contribute his/her specialist competences to this project. For being considered you need to have:

- A completed dissertation in Biblical and/or Jewish Studies.
- Very good knowledge of Hebrew and Aramaic.
- Profound knowledge in the culture and literature theories relevant to the Western European Medieval Jewish Culture.
- Willingness to acquaint yourself with Masorah Research.
- Capacity for teamwork.
- Experience with project research.

Part of the job will be:

- Edition, translation, and annotation of the entire Masorah (masora magna; masora parva) in selected Ashkenazi Bible Codices from the 11th to the 13th centuries.
- Further development of the project.
- Communication of your research and results within the project as well as within the teaching and research activities of the Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg.

- Scientific preparation of and contribution to conferences and workshops of the project.

The Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg offers the scope for individual academic development and an inspiring research environment. The conception and commencement of a habilitation at the University of Heidelberg in the course of the project is possible.

The language of communication within the project and for the publications is English.

The compensation is made according to TV-L (E13) and is limited to 36 months from its beginning, but may be prolonged for further project phases (output-related and depending on the project's prolongation after evaluation).

The position can be split between two people. Applicants with disabilities who possess essentially equal qualifications will be given preference. The Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity, and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

Please submit the following required application documents electronically:

A. (as one PDF file)

- (1) Application letter (letter of motivation)
- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) List of publications and list of courses taught
- (4) Degree certificates
- (5) Sample of your written work (app. length: 10–12 pages)
- (6) The completed application form (download via: http://www.hfjs.eu/md/hfjs/abc/application_form_masorah.pdf).

B. 2 Letters of reference:

To be emailed directly by the referees to berlinercenter@hfjs.uni-heidelberg.de citing the reference number LoR_Masorah_your_name

Please submit your complete application in English or German exclusively via email to: berlinercenter@hfjs.uni-heidelberg.de until **27th of February 2018**. Letters of Reference should be sent no later than March 15, 2018.

Please address your questions concerning this job announcement to Prof. Dr. Hanna Liss: berlinercenter@hfjs.uni-heidelberg.de.