

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) in Munich is one of the leading European universities, with a tradition reaching back more than 500 years. In 2012, the university established the Munich Graduate School for Ancient Studies 'Distant Worlds' with funding from the German Excellence Initiative. The Graduate School is an interdisciplinary research network bringing together LMU and research institutions in Munich to provide an optimal environment for disciplinary research and the promotion of junior academics in the field of ancient studies. As part of its doctoral study and postdoctoral training programme, the Graduate School combines research from a broad spectrum of disciplines within the field of ancient studies.

The Graduate School invites applications for the following positions:

4 Doctoral Positions

Salary grade 13 TV-L / 65%

These temporary positions are available from 1 April 2018 until 31 December 2019.

They may be extended by another 15 months depending on structural decisions made at the end of 2018.

Each of the positions will be integrated into a junior research group. The junior research groups are orientated towards one of the seven focus areas listed below:

1. Constructions of Norms
2. Constructions of Elites
3. Constructions of the 'Beautiful'
4. Organisation of Coexistence
5. Organisation of Exchange
6. Organisation of Dealing with Dissent
7. Organisation of Memory and Forgetting

Responsibilities:

Successful candidates will write a doctoral dissertation within their individual discipline. The dissertation topic will be chosen by the candidates themselves and should contribute to one of the seven focus areas. In pursuing their research, candidates will be supported by mentors chosen from the group of Principal Investigators of the School.

They will collaborate with other doctoral students in an interdisciplinary junior research group coordinated by a postdoctoral researcher.

They will participate in the research training programme of the School. Together with their mentors they will select courses from this

programme relevant for their further academic development.

**Requirements:**

In order to qualify for application, candidates must have completed a four-year MA degree (or equivalent), including a written thesis, in the field of ancient studies with outstanding results. Applicants will need to submit a dissertation proposal. They should demonstrate their openness towards working in an interdisciplinary context as well as an interest in basic and theoretical questions.

The School offers scope for individual academic development and an inspiring research environment.

Applicants with disabilities who possess essentially equal qualifications will be given preference. LMU Munich 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 (max. 5 MB):

- (1) Application letter (letter of motivation)
- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) Degree certificates
- (4) Research proposal (max. 7,500 characters incl. spaces) plus bibliography
- (5) Sample of your written work, e.g. from your Master's thesis (app. length: 10–12 pages)
- (6) If relevant, list of publications

(B) as pdf file:

completed application form

(Download via:

[www.gs-distantworlds.mzaw.lmu.de/de/Stellen/DoktorandInnen-Stellen/2](http://www.gs-distantworlds.mzaw.lmu.de/de/Stellen/DoktorandInnen-Stellen/2)).

(C) Two Letters of Reference:

to be emailed directly by the referees to [application@mzaw.lmu.de](mailto:application@mzaw.lmu.de)  
citing the reference number DW-Doc/18-1\_your\_name

Please submit your complete application in German or English citing the reference number DW-Doc/18-1\_your\_name at the latest by 8 January 2018 exclusively via e-mail to: [application@mzaw.lmu.de](mailto:application@mzaw.lmu.de)

Further information on the Graduate School 'Distant Worlds' is available on the following website: [www.gs-distantworlds.mzaw.lmu.de](http://www.gs-distantworlds.mzaw.lmu.de)

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