The University of Vienna is internationally renowned for its excellence in teaching and research, and counts more than 7,500 academics from all disciplines. This breadth of expertise offers unique opportunities to address the complex challenges of modern society, to develop comprehensive new approaches, and educate the problem-solvers of tomorrow from a multidisciplinary perspective.

At the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, the University of Vienna seeks to appoint a

Tenure-Track Professor
in the field of

History of knowledge and political epistemologies of life sciences and medicine
in the twentieth century

The position:

A tenure-track professorship is being established at the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies in the field history of knowledge and political epistemologies of life sciences and medicine in the 20th century. Special consideration will be given to approaches based on gender and environmental history. In accordance with the goals of the Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical-Cultural Studies, the professorship provides a network of research in the history of medicine, knowledge, and science at the faculty and beyond. It deals with points of contact between science and politics, with transregional perspectives serving to reflect on the historicity and contextuality of knowledge and body images, especially with reference to the question of how humans and nonhuman act or participate in action. Therefore, the fields of life sciences and medicine are particularly suited to strengthen the field of Historical Transregional Studies.

The applicant should represent the fields of history of medicine, history of knowledge, and history of science with a special focus on their extensions in gender and environmental history in research and teaching. We are looking for applicants with experience in coupling political epistemologies and science, who have special expertise in the history of medicine and life sciences, whereby an integration into the scientific location of Vienna in the history of medicine is welcomed. Temporally, the focus of research activities should be located throughout the 20th century. The establishment of cooperations within and beyond the faculty is desirable, as well as the life science foci at the University of Vienna. A participation in undergraduate teaching in the BA and MA History, in the MA Gender Studies and MA Matilda – European Master in Women’s and Gender History as well as in the MA Epistemologies of Science and Technology as well as the participation in doctoral teaching and the Doctoral School.

Your academic profile:

- ERC Starting Grant, ERC Consolidator Grant or FWF-START obtained
- Doctoral degree/PhD
- Two years of international research experience during or after doctoral studies
- Outstanding research achievements, excellent publication and funding record, international reputation
- Experience in designing of and participating in research projects, ability to lead research groups and acquire third-party funding
- Enthusiasm for excellent teaching and supervision at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral level
We expect the successful candidate to acquire, within three years, proficiency in German sufficient for teaching in bachelor’s programmes and for participation in university committees.

We offer:

- the opportunity to obtain a permanent position and eventual promotion to full professor; the initial contract as Assistant Professor is limited to six years, after positive evaluation of a qualification agreement the contract becomes permanent as Associate Professor; Associate Professors can be promoted to Full Professor through an internal competitive procedure.
- a dynamic research environment
- a wide range of research and teaching support services
- attractive working conditions in a city with a high quality of life
- an attractive salary according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff (level A2) and an organisational retirement plan

Application documents (in English):

1. Letter of motivation
2. Academic curriculum vitae
   - education and training (PhD Certificate, PDF)
   - positions held to date
   - parental, family or other care leaves as applicable
   - awards and honors
   - commissions of trust
   - previous and current cooperation partners
   - complete list of acquired third-party funding and, if applicable, of inventions/patents
   - list of most important scientific talks (max. 10)
   - teaching and mentoring
   - supervision experience (Master and PhD), if applicable
3. List of publications
   - link to your own publicly accessible ORCID record, with a complete and current publication list
   - three key publications as electronic full text version (PDF, max. 30 MB)
4. Research statement
   - most important research achievements (max. 2 pages) and planned future research activities (max. 4 pages)
   - synopsis of three key publications with relevance to the position advertised
   - publication strategy
5. Teaching and supervision statement
   - teaching and supervision concept, including a description of the previous and planned priorities in academic teaching and supervision (max. 2 pages)
   - teaching evaluations (if available, PDF)

Please send your application to: tenuretrack.personal@univie.ac.at

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