



Doctoral position (f/m/x) – ERC project SUBALTERNEGY

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The ERC project “Subalternity in Early Egypt (2700–2200 BC)” (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101200605>) invites applications for a doctoral position (f/m/x).

YOUR TASKS

- » Developing a research proposal for a doctoral thesis on the topic “Iconographic analysis of subaltern bodies in the Old Kingdom”
- » Completing the doctoral thesis by 30 June 2030
- » Supporting research activities in the project SUBALTERNEGY, possibly including fieldwork in Egypt

YOUR PROFILE

- » Completed MA degree with a focus on Egyptology
- » Very good knowledge of the visual culture of ancient Egypt
- » Good knowledge of the ancient Egyptian language and hieroglyphs
- » Basic knowledge of cultural theory
- » Excellent command of written and spoken English

WE OFFER

- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models
- » Opportunity to work remotely

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 July 2026 on a part-time basis (25,89 hours per week). The position is filled for a fixed term until 30 June 2030. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary will be based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2603-01. The application deadline is 30 April 2026.

The application documents should include:

- » a letter that explains your motivation in view of the duties and profile of the position and includes the names of two referees who may be contacted for a letter of support after submission of the application
- » a tabular CV
- » transcripts of records as well as BA and MA diplomas
- » a relevant written piece of research, for example an essay submitted as part of your degree or a chapter from your MA thesis (max. 4 MB; alternatively, include a download link to the document in the letter)
- » a discussion of the following paper (max. 2,000 words): <https://doi.org/10.25365/integ.2025.x2.3>

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