



Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig

Job Advertisement

The Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Leipzig is seeking to fill the following position as soon as possible in 2026 as part of the project *Archivum Alevicum: Ethnohistory of Alevi Communities in Anatolia, 16th–20th Century*:

Research Software Engineer (m/f/d) [position 03]

The project will reconstruct the only scarcely explored ethnohistory of the Alevis in Anatolia, focusing on the period from the 16th to the 20th century. It will examine settlement dynamics and the processes of community-building among Alevi groups, as well as their complex relationships with the state, Sunni Muslims, and non-Muslims. By innovatively combining a range of methods based on previously unconnected sources—including Ottoman archives, Alevi manuscripts, oral traditions, and material culture—a comprehensive virtual research environment will be developed. This environment will enable the reconstruction of the development of Alevi communities within the context of Ottoman social and religious history from the Early Modern Period to the Modern Era.

The position is initially limited to two years, with the prospect of continued employment within the duration of the project.

Scope of work: Full-time 100% (part-time generally possible)

Salary level: TV-L E 13

Place of work: Leipzig (mobile working possible on a daily basis by arrangement)

Your Responsibilities

- Development and maintenance of the research data infrastructure for the project
- Development of the central research database as a knowledge graph
- Design and implementation of research support tools for the preparation, exploration and evaluation of data sets
- Development and maintenance of the public research platform
- Practical implementation of research data management
- Creation of own publications and presentation of work at relevant scientific conferences in the field of Digital Humanities

Your Profile

- Completed degree (Master's or comparable qualification) in digital humanities, computer science or a humanities subject with relevant professional experience
- Extensive experience in full-stack software development (JavaScript/TypeScript frameworks for web applications and Python for backend applications)
- Experience in data modelling in accordance with best practices and standards in Digital Humanities
- Experience in the field of XML technologies
- Experience in handling multimodal research data

Furthermore, the following skills are desirable

- good conversational English skills

- affinity with UI/UX topics
- experience in CI/CD
- interest in participating in open source software projects
- communication skills and willingness to work in a team
- interest in ethnohistorical issues

Severely disabled and disabled applicants with the same status will receive preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants.

Please send your application with the usual documents (cover letter, CV, list of publications, copies of certificates) and the job number to the Secretary General of SAW, Dr. Christian Winter, by November 30, 2025, at the latest. Email: bewerbung@saw-leipzig.de (please combine all documents into a single PDF file).

This job advertisement is subject to the approval of funding in the Academies' Programme 2026.

Data protection

The protection of personal data is a top priority for the Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Leipzig. The personal data you provide will be used exclusively for the selection process. Personal data will not be used for any other purposes. Your application will be stored internally until the selection process is complete. It will not be passed on to third parties.