



Martin-Opitz-Bibliothek
An-Institut der Ruhr-Universität Bochum
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Johannes-Rau-Doctoral-Program

The Martin Opitz Library and the Ruhr-Universität Bochum are looking for a Ph. PhD student for

3 years (payment: TV-L E 13 (salary according to the North Rhine-Westfalian agreement group 13)), **65%**

(The main place of work is the Martin Opitz Library, Herne) to the earliest possible date.

The Martin-Opitz-Library is a research library with a particular focus on the history and culture of Germans in Eastern Europe, funded by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, the city of Herne and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The Ruhr University Bochum is one of the largest universities in Germany. The Johannes-Rau-Doctoral-Program aims to examine the significance of flight, expulsion and resettlement in their German, European and global context by means of empirical research.

The doctoral candidate should write a dissertation on a self-chosen topic within the thematic focus of the Johannes–Rau-PhD-Programme: "Memories of Migration and Homeland (Loss) in Eastern Europe in the 20th and early 21st Century".

The dissertation topic can be chosen from the following areas, such as:

- German culture and history in Eastern Europe, and
- the fate of Germans as a result of migration and loss of homeland
- migration experiences in the 20th and early 21st centuries, flight and expulsion
- problems of minority protection, minority politics
- remembrance, e.g. of land reform and expropriations; of flight and expulsion
- homeland attachment and belonging
- the politics of coming to terms with and the remembrance of war and occupation.
- topics with a comparative European perspective are explicitly welcome.

The tasks of the qualification position include:

- scientific research in German and international archives and libraries
- scientific research for and writing of a monograph within the period of employment and, if necessary, scientific articles
- participation in scientific conferences

You will need the following qualifications

- a MA degree in history, preferably (MA) in history, European Studies or a comparable course of study
- willingness to enrol in a doctoral programme at RUB
- willingness to write a monograph within the term of the contract

- language skills for processing the sources and
- fluent in written and spoken English
- willingness to undertake longer research trips in Germany and abroad
- willingness to participate in (international) conferences with lectures

We offer a friendly and very diverse working environment and are looking for a committed and team-oriented personality. Applications from severely disabled persons with equal qualifications will be given preference within the frame work of the applicable regulations. The Martin Opitz Library and Ruhr University pursue the goal of professional equality between women and men. We strongly encourage women to apply. Applicants with children are welcome.

If you have any questions about the content of the Johannes-Rau-Doctoral-Program, please contact: heidi.hein-kircher@herne.de

Please send your informative exposé of a maximum of 3 pages with guiding questions and a list of already researched source materials, CV and certificates in one PDF-file by November 20, 2024 to: bewerbung.mob@herne.de
To prevent discrimination, we ask that you refrain from including photos with your application. We will probably conduct the job interviews online at the beginning of December 2024 and invite you to do so at short notice.