



The VW Foundation “Freigeist” Research Group “Markadugu”, based at the Frobenius Institute at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main is currently seeking a

Doctoral Research Fellow (60% FTE)

The position is fully funded, remunerated according to E13 TV-G-U, and limited to a period of four years. The start date is **01/09/2016**.

The Doctoral Fellow will pursue a research project on the **oral traditions of the Segou region in Mali**, to complement the existing focus of the project. Closer details will be developed under the supervision of the Principal Investigator and his main collaborating researchers. The Fellow’s research will comprise several extended seasons of fieldwork in Mali, with research and travel expenses funded from the project’s budget. The Research Group offers an interdisciplinary and international working environment, comprehensive supervision and close collaboration with the Principal Investigator and collaborators in Frankfurt and Bamako.

The Markadugu Research Group explores the relationship of urbanism and trade to state power in the Segou region during the pre-colonial period. It is a multidisciplinary project which approaches the region’s past with a combination of anthropological, archaeological and historical research. The successful applicant will have an intellectual curiosity in the topic, a creative approach to complicated source materials and enjoy an environment of close academic collaboration.

Requirements:

- All applicants must hold a master’s degree (M.A.) or an equivalent qualification in anthropology, history, or a related discipline.
- Fluent knowledge of the Bambara language is essential
- A good grasp of the French language is desirable

The University is an equal opportunities employer and supports women's career development. Applications from women are thus explicitly welcome. Disabled applicants will be considered preferentially in case of equivalent qualifications.

Please send the electronic version of your **application** (including cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, university transcript/degree and two letters of recommendation) to: Gestrich@em.uni-frankfurt.de by **01.05.2016**. Please do not hesitate to contact Nikolas Gestrich for further information concerning the research project and the application process.