

# 1 Predoctoral Fellow, research group “China in the Global System of Science”

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Lise Meitner Research Group “China in the Global System of Science” (led by Dr. Anna Lisa Ahlers), seeks

## 1 Predoctoral Fellow

**Earliest starting date: 01 May 2020 for three years with the option of extension, with a 65% employment contract.** Remuneration is based on the TVöD-Bund pay scales (E13, 65%).

Outstanding graduates holding a Master degree, or equivalent, in sinology/Chinese studies, sociology, political science, history of science, anthropology, or other relevant fields are invited to apply. Degree should be in hand by commencement of employment. Chinese language proficiency is required; fieldwork experience is an advantage.

As part of their application, candidates should submit a research prospectus in which they outline their planned contribution to one of the following core areas of the research group (please also see the project’s homepage <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/research/departments/lise-meitner-research-group>):

- A. Chinese perspectives on the status of science in society, esp. the autonomy of science vs. its political steering; political regime and non-political social structures as environmental factors for science
- B. Structures, actors, dimensions, and norms of China’s contemporary science policy
- C. Steering vs. agency of scientific communities, networks and individuals in China and in international collaboration
- D. Interactions of scientific standards and practices with societal values and ethical principles in China and beyond

Candidates of all nationalities are invited to apply; applications from women are especially welcome. The Max Planck Society is committed to promoting people with disabilities and encourages them to apply.

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science is an international and interdisciplinary research institute (<https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/en>). Predoctoral fellows are expected to participate in the research activities of the Institute, and to present their own work and discuss that of others fluently in English. Applications may be submitted in English or German.

Candidates are requested to submit their applications online using the following link:

**<https://recruitment.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/position/15269891>**

**Deadline for submission: February 28, 2020 (23:59 CET)**

Please note that only complete electronic submissions uploaded to this link will be accepted. Applications sent via email will not be accepted.

Your application should contain (as separate PDF files):

- Cover letter (in which candidates indicate interest in the research group)
- Curriculum vitae, including –if available– list of publications
- Research prospectus (maximum 1.000 words)
- Writing sample
- Names and contact details of at least two referees (to fill in separately in the job portal).

Only successful candidates will be notified.

For questions concerning the research project, please contact Dr. Anna Lisa Ahlers ([alahlers@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de](mailto:alahlers@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de)).

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