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 **Universität Trier**



## **Call for Applications**

### **Three-Year Junior Fellowship Beginning on 01.01.2020 at the Trierer Kolleg für Mittelalter und Frühe Neuzeit (TriKo)**

#### **Research Area:**

#### **The Value of Information in the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Period**

The Trierer Kolleg für Mittelalter und Frühe Neuzeit (TriKo) and the Academy of Sciences and Literature / Mainz, in cooperation with the German Historical Institute in Rome, are offering a three-year junior fellowship for doctoral students beginning on 1 January 2020. The fellowship is funded by the 2019–2023 research initiative of the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate and by the Academies Programme of the Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities.

To be eligible, applicants must plan to pursue a dissertation in a topic that is related to TriKo's research concentration (The Value of Information in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period) and that relies on sources included in or still to be included in the projects of Mainz's Academy of Sciences and Literature (e.g. Regesta Imperii and German Inscriptions of the Middle Ages).

TriKo offers fellowship recipients an office in the heart of Trier's historic centre for the duration of the project. To ensure that they benefit from the regular exchange of ideas, fellows are expected to live in Trier, participate in events at TriKo and work closely with Mainz's Academy of Sciences and Literature. For topics that require research in Italy, fellows may arrange temporary stays at the German Historical Institute in Rome. At least two professors will supervise the fellow's dissertation project, and the first supervisor must be affiliated with TriKo. The doctoral regulations from the first supervisor's department shall apply.

The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of 1,350 euros. Fellows may apply for additional money to cover research stays and conference travel. They may also make use of the professional development programme for PhD students at the University of Trier. Part-time work inside or outside academia is permitted as long as it does not exceed 8 hours a week and earnings are limited to 450 euros a month. Any additional part-time work must be approved by TriKo.

Applicants must have completed a degree in a department affiliated with TriKo and received above-average marks. Applications should include the following materials:

- CV with detailed description of education and academic experience
- List of any published work
- Copies of secondary school and university diplomas
- Dissertation proposal (approximately 5 pages; in English or German)

The proposal should generally adhere to the following structure:

1. Introduction, research question, aims and objectives
  2. Present state of scholarship
  3. Preliminary work
  4. Work plan, timetable and a breakdown of costs
  5. Relationship to TriKo's research concentration and to the Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz
  6. Works cited
- Letter of recommendation speaking to the applicant's qualifications and academic potential

The referee should send the letter of recommendation directly to TriKo. Applicants should combine the remaining application materials into a single PDF document and submit the file to Professor Petra Schule ([schultep@uni-trier.de](mailto:schultep@uni-trier.de)). All materials must be received by 1 November 2019.

After reviewing the written applications, the application committee will invite a selection of candidates to an in-person interview sometime during the first half of November.

More information can be found on the homepages of TriKo ([www.triko.uni-trier.de](http://www.triko.uni-trier.de)) and Mainz's Academy of the Sciences and Literature (<http://www.adwmainz.de/>). Professor Natalia Filatkina ([filatkina@uni-trier.de](mailto:filatkina@uni-trier.de)) is also available for questions.