

Announcement

2 Research Fellows (m/f/d) – Development of Project Proposals for Research and Public Engagement in the Field of German-Jewish History

The Institute for the History of the German Jews in Hamburg (IGdJ) was founded in 1966 as the first research institution of its kind in the Federal Republic of Germany and has since been dedicated to researching (German-)Jewish history in its local, national, and global dimensions. By making research findings and debates widely visible and generally accessible through innovative, target-group-oriented formats, the Institute makes an important contribution to a broad understanding of Jewish history.

In line with this mission, two positions as Research Fellow (f/m/d) are to be filled at the IGdJ as soon as possible, on a full-time (39 hours/week) or part-time basis, fixed-term until December 31, 2026. The focus of the positions is on the scholarly development of competitive project proposals for research and public engagement on (German-)Jewish history and culture, including drafting the concept, work plan, and budget, as well as coordinating all partners involved in the application process. Remuneration is according to 13 TV-L (German public sector collective agreement). The earliest possible start date is August 2026.

Your Responsibilities

- Independently developing a concept and drafting a research project proposal for national and/or international funding programs (e.g., DFG, BMFTR, EU/Horizon Europe, etc.)
- Working on your own research project in the field of German-Jewish history
- Contributing to the IGdJ's research activities
- Participating in academic events and publications
- Contributing to the Institute's public profile by strengthening the transfer between academia and governmental as well as civil-society institutions

Your Profile

- A completed degree in the humanities (Master's or doctorate) in Jewish Studies, Judaic Studies, History, Literary or Cultural Studies, or a related field, ideally with a research focus on Jewish history and culture
- Experience in writing and editing academic texts, ideally including third-party funding applications
- Excellent analytical and conceptual skills
- Independent, structured, and goal-oriented way of working
- Excellent written and spoken German and English, as well as knowledge of additional languages where relevant to the planned research project
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Knowledge of relevant digital research and search methods is desirable

- Willingness to familiarize yourself with new tasks
- Independent and reliable way of working
- Ability to work well in a team and enjoyment of collaborative work

We Offer

- Seed funding for innovative research projects
- Independent work with a high degree of creative freedom
- A varied and interesting range of tasks in a friendly, collegial working atmosphere with a motivated team
- Flexible working hours and the possibility of mobile/remote work

We welcome expressions of interest until July 20, 2026, and look forward to discussing a possible collaboration with you. The IGdJ welcomes applications from qualified individuals regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, belief, age, or sexual orientation. **The earliest possible start date is August 2026.**

Applications with the usual documents (CV, degree certificates, a brief outline of a planned research project) should be submitted electronically as a **single PDF** file by **July 20, 2026**, to: kim.wuenschmann@igd-jh.de