

Call for Applications:

The Lilli and Michael Sommerfreund Guest Professorship in Jewish Studies

The Hochschule für Jüdische Studien / College for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (HfJS) seeks to appoint a guest professor to the Lilli and Michael Sommerfreund Chair in Jewish Studies for the academic term 01. April 2020 - 30. September 2020 or 01. April 2020 – 31. March 2021.

Founded in 2018, the Lilli and Michael Sommerfreund Guest Professorship in Jewish Studies commemorates two survivors of the Shoah that devoted their lives not only to rebuilding the Jewish community of Frankfurt am Main, but also to fostering the city's greater cultural and social growth. To honor its namesakes, the chair is dedicated to the teaching of Jewish history and culture for a candidate who specializes in Modern Hebrew Literature.

Conditions for appointment are a doctorate in Jewish studies or a comparable study and in accordance with Article 47, Paragraph 2 of the Higher Education Law of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg a habilitation or comparable qualification, as well as pedagogical aptitude.

The successful candidate will be able to teach in English and supervise students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, especially students pursuing the international Master of Arts degree in "Jewish Civilizations". The course load is 9 hours per week, one of which is to be taught as a specialized lecture (Vorlesung).

Preference will be given to early career scholars with a doctorate in Jewish Studies, or related discipline, that have research expertise in Jewish history and culture for a candidate who specializes in Modern Hebrew Literature.

The HfJS also welcomes applications from scholars of adjacent fields within Jewish Studies that are not currently represented in the HfJS course listings.

The appointee will be expected to take residency in Heidelberg throughout the duration. Compensation will be paid in an amount of a professor accordingly Landesbesoldungsgesetz Baden-Württemberg W3.

The HfJS aims to increase the number of women on its faculty, hence specifically encourages qualified women to apply. Disabled persons will be given preference if they are equally qualified.

Please send all inquiries and application materials (letter of application, CV and list of publications) to rektor@hfjs.eu by 31 January 2020.