The University of Bonn is an internationally operating research university with a broad spectrum of subjects. Over 200 years of history, around 38,000 students, more than 6,000 employees and an excellent reputation both at home and abroad: The University of Bonn is one of the most important universities in Germany and has been recognized as a university of excellence.

To sharpen and further develop its scientific profile, the university has established six transdisciplinary research areas (TRAs). As novel innovation-promoting organizational structures, the TRAs direct university research toward central scientific, technological, and societal issues of the future. They serve as creative and explorative platforms.

The support of scientists at all career stages is one of the highest priorities of the Excellence University of Bonn. In this context, the Argelander Tenure Track Professorship Program is specifically dedicated to supporting excellent junior researchers and enabling them to develop their own independent research at the interface between the disciplines.

Applications are invited for an open position of an

**Argelander Professor for Critical Museology and Heritage Studies (W1 tenure track to W2)**

To be filled as soon as possible within the Transdisciplinary Research Area “Past Worlds and Modern Questions – Cultures Across Time and Space” (TRA Present Pasts) of the University of Bonn’s excellence initiative. The TRA takes an interdisciplinary approach to the research of past cultural, political, social and economic constellations embedded in a broad geographical context and historical depth. Its work focuses on the interaction of contemporary challenges and processes and comparable phenomena in the past. The knowledge about the functioning of cultures generated by such a historical-comparative approach can lead to a better understanding of the present.

This professorship is funded by the Tenure Track Program of the German Federal and State Governments. Awarding tenure is not subject to a vacancy at the time when the fixed-term contract of the tenure-track position expires.

The initial appointment will be as W1 Professor with tenure track to Full Professor (W2) in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Bonn, which is affiliated with TRA Present Pasts.

We are seeking qualified applicants with a doctoral degree in a relevant field (e.g. anthropology, archaeology, art history, geography, global studies, heritage studies, history, museum studies). Applicants should have proven their scientific aptitude by the outstanding quality of their doctorate. The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate a strong research agenda in critical heritage, museum and/or material culture studies, including experience working with partners in the Global South. A research focus on colonial histories and collections, the use of decolonial methodologies, and experience in exhibition curation and/or public engagement programming is desired.

It is anticipated that the Argelander Professor will be associated with, and will have the opportunity to contribute to the leadership of the new Global Heritage Lab that is being established as part of the TRA
Present Pasts. This ‘Lab’ will provide an innovative new space for transdisciplinary and transcultural critical heritage research, including experimentation with exhibition methods and developing decolonial methodologies. Networking with other areas of the transdisciplinary research field Present Pasts and active involvement in existing and future collaborative research projects is desired.

The successful candidate will further qualify for the position by teaching and the ability of publishing in leading international journals. The willingness to engage in interdisciplinary teaching and research is expected. In addition to participation in the bachelor’s or master’s program, collaboration in doctoral training is planned. All teaching at the graduate level can be in English or German.

This call is aimed at early-career researchers. As a general rule, the candidate must have earned his/her doctoral degree within the last four years. Candidates who have completed their doctorate at the University of Bonn must have changed universities or have been working in academic research outside of the University of Bonn for at least two years prior to applying.

Formal requirements are defined by § 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz Nordrhein-Westfalen). W1 Professors are appointed for an initial period of three years with an extension for another three years in case of a positive interim evaluation. Subsequently, the appointment will be made permanent as Full Professor (W2) subject to a positive tenure evaluation of the responsible Tenure-Track Committee. This procedure is accompanied by the responsible tenure-track commission throughout the entire period from the call for applications to the final evaluation. Regulations on tenure track at the University of Bonn and further information on tenure track professorships at the University of Bonn are available at https://www.uni-bonn.de/en-tenure-track.

Further information about the TRA Present Pasts can be obtained at: http://www.tra5.uni-bonn.de. For further information on this professorship, please contact Prof. Dr. Paul Basu (E-Mail paul.basu@uni-bonn.de).

The University of Bonn promotes diversity among its members. It is certified as a family-oriented university and has a dual career service. Its aim is to increase the proportion of women in scientific staff and to promote their careers in particular. It therefore urges qualified women to apply. Likewise, the University encourages suitable people with proven impairment to apply. Applications are dealt with in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz).

Please submit your application, including a cover letter stating research aims as well as a CV, a list of publications, teaching evaluations and degree certificates, and optionally up to three publications related to the research focus of the professorship, as one pdf file via our online portal: http://www.berufungsportal.uni-bonn.de

Applications received by 15th September 2022 are guaranteed full consideration. Please send your application in English.

The appointment committee reserves its right to also consider applications submitted after this date.