



The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn is an international research university that offers a wide range of degree programs. With 200 years of history, about 38,000 students, over 6,000 employees, and an excellent domestic and international reputation, Bonn University is among Germany's leading universities.

Starting on 1 September 2020 and with a three-year contract, the Institute of Philosophy is seeking a

## Postdoctoral Fellow (100%)

The University of Bonn, Germany, invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in history and philosophy of physics. The position will provide an outstanding early-career scholar with a unique opportunity to pursue research in collaboration with the other members of the Lichtenberg group in integrated history and philosophy of physics at the University of Bonn. The advertised position is part of the project on "The role of inference to the best explanation in the discovery of gravitational waves" (PI: Prof Dennis Lehmkuhl) in the DFG-funded research unit "Inductive Metaphysics" (FOR 2495, <https://indmet.weebly.com/>).

Applications from candidates with a suitable background in philosophy of physics, history of physics or indeed gravitational physics itself, would be particularly welcome. More details on the Lichtenberg group can be found at [history-and-philosophy-of-physics.com](http://history-and-philosophy-of-physics.com).

- Your responsibilities:
- To participate fully in the research life of the Lichtenberg group and the Institute of Philosophy, conducting research leading to peer reviewed publications and conference presentations, and participating in conferences, research groups, and outreach activities.
  - To actively participate in the regular meetings of the inductive metaphysics research unit.
  - To take part in the administration and organisation of activities by the Lichtenberg group and the DFG research unit, in liaison with Prof Lehmkuhl.

- Your qualifications:
- PhD in philosophy of physics, history of physics, or physics conferred within one year of the start of the position. All PhD requirements must be completed by the starting date of the position.
  - Native speaker or near-native command of the English language.
  - Motivated, flexible, team oriented and interested in continued professional development.

- We offer:
- A varied and challenging position with one of the biggest employers in the area.
  - Participation in the university-wide pension system (VBL).
  - Access to the extensive university sports program.
  - An excellent transport infrastructure with the opportunity to obtain a discounted employee ticket for public transportation (VRS) or to use assigned, affordable parking.
  - A salary based on the 13 TV-L scale.
  - Generous funding for conference travel, a personal computer (laptop and/or desktop), and other research expenses.
  - A (possibly shared) office in the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Bonn".

The University of Bonn is committed to diversity and equal opportunity. It is certified as a family-friendly university. It aims to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are under-represented and to promote their careers in particular. It therefore urges women with relevant qualifications to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the 'Landesgleichstellungsgesetz' (State Equality Act). Applications from suitable individuals with a certified serious disability and those of equal status are particularly welcome.

If you are interested in this position, please send your complete application documents **by 29 February 2020** to [office.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de](mailto:office.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de) with the application code **"07/20/3.202"** in the subject line of the email. Before sending your application, please combine and convert all of your documents into one PDF file. A complete application will consist of a.) a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a writing sample of no more than 10.000 words; and b.) three letters of reference which must be sent by the letter writers or the placement service directly to the above email address. For further information please contact Prof. Lehmkuhl ([dennis.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de](mailto:dennis.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de)).