



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 2019 and with full funding for four years, the Institute of Philosophy is seeking a

## PhD student (65%)

The University of Bonn, Germany, invites applications for a graduate student who wishes to pursue a PhD 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 new Lichtenberg group in integrated history and philosophy of physics at the University for Bonn. The focus of the group during the first five years will be an analysis of the history and conceptual foundations of gravitational physics since Einstein found the field equations of general relativity in 1915; a particular focus will be on black hole physics and gravitational wave physics. Applications from candidates with a suitable background in philosophy of physics, history of physics or indeed physics itself, would be particularly welcome. More details on the project and the group can be found at [www.history-and-philosophy-of-physics.com](http://www.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 teach one seminar per semester (90 minutes per week).
- To take part in the administration and organisation of activities by the Lichtenberg group, in liaison with Prof. Lehmkuhl.

Your qualifications:

- A Masters degree in philosophy of physics, history of physics, or physics conferred within one year of the start 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 (65%).
- Generous funding for conference travel, a personal computer (laptop and/or desktop), and other research expenses.
- A shared office at the Electoral Palace, which houses the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Bonn. The Palace is right in the city centre of Bonn, and only a five minute walk from the shores of the River Rhine with its vineyards and castles.

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 10 January 2019** to

[office.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de](mailto:office.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de) with the application code **73/18/3.202** 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. Dr. Lehmkuhl (dennis.lehmkuhl@uni-bonn.de).