



## MAPPOLA

Mapping out the poetic landscape(s) of the Roman empire

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### Call for Applications: Funded PhD studentship (3 years)

The ERC-funded project MAPPOLA – Mapping Out the Poetic Landscape(s) of the Roman Empire, based at the University of Vienna, Austria, invites applications for a fully funded **PhD researcher (prae-doc) position**, based at the Department of Ancient History and Classics, Papyrology and Epigraphy at the University of Vienna.

The position will be funded for three years, **starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**.

**Closing date for you application is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

We expect to hold interviews on May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Appropriate arrangements will be made with a view to any continued levels of disruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Requirements —

We are looking for an outstanding candidate interested in pursuing graduate-level research in the field of Roman cultural history and epigraphy and prepared to contribute to the project's Work Package 3: 'The Social and Cultural Relevance of Inscribed Verse' (details on which may be found here: <https://mappola.eu/index.php/wp3-the-social-and-cultural-relevance-of-inscribed-verse/>)

Applicants must be eligible to take up employment in Austria, meet all requirements for PhD level study at the University of Vienna (<https://doktorat.univie.ac.at/en/doctoralphpd-programmes/humanities/admission/>), and agree to enrol as a PhD student in the Department of Ancient History and Classics, Papyrology and Epigraphy upon acceptance of the position.

Applicants will be expected to be fluent in either English or German. Applicants without sufficient levels of linguistic competence in German will be required to take intensive German classes at the university's Sprachenzentrum as part of their training. At least a basic reading knowledge of Italian,

Spanish, and/or French will be beneficial. Good knowledge of Latin and at least a basic knowledge of Ancient Greek will be expected.

The successful applicant will be expected to relocate to Vienna and join the university as an employee (0.75 FTE, fixed-term for 3 years, paid in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement for staff at the University of Vienna).

**We offer —**

- a salary in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement for staff at the University of Vienna)
- funds for conference travel, fieldwork, and relevant professional training
- ample opportunities for professional networking in and beyond your field of study
- close supervision arrangements according to the needs of the project that you help to design
- a pleasant work environment with a vibrant research culture and excellent resources

**Application and selection procedures —**

Applicants who wish to be considered for the position must submit – as a single PDF document – a **motivation letter**, a **2pp. academic cv**, and a **research proposal of 2,000–2,500 words** outlining their proposed take on the work to be carried out under the rubric of Work Package 3.

**Your application must be received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the very latest. Please also arrange for **one academic reference**, to be received directly from your referee, by the same date.

Submissions, as well as academic references, should be sent to Prof. Peter Kruschwitz at [peter.kruschwitz@univie.ac.at](mailto:peter.kruschwitz@univie.ac.at). Receipt will be confirmed.

For this first stage of the process, submissions may be made in English, German, Italian, Spanish, and French. The interview may be conducted in German or English.

Informal inquiries may be made to Prof. Kruschwitz at [peter.kruschwitz@univie.ac.at](mailto:peter.kruschwitz@univie.ac.at).