

The University of Bonn is an international research university with a wide education and research profile. With a 200-year history, approximately 31,500 students, more than 6,000 staff, and an excellent reputation at home and abroad, the University of Bonn is one of the most important universities in Germany and is recognized as a University of Excellence.

The **Faculty of Arts** of the **University of Bonn** seeks to appoint a

W2 Professorship in Economic Anthropology with Tenure Track W3

as soon as possible.

The post is located at the Cluster of Excellence “Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies” (BCDSS). The BCDSS aims to investigate all the various facets of dependency structures, and to establish historically informed dependency studies as a key interdisciplinary field of research across the humanities and social sciences. We seek a candidate who can cover the full scope of social and cultural anthropology in both research and teaching and who, in addition to a research focus on asymmetrical dependencies, can demonstrate expertise in at least one of the following areas: Political Economy, Moral Economy, Humans and Materiality, Informal Markets or Labor Relations. The successful candidate should also be interested in historical questions. They must have obtained a relevant PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology or a related field, and a habilitation or equivalent qualification.

Applicants are also expected to have experience in securing external funding, be committed to serving on academic self-governing bodies, and have relevant teaching experience. The successful candidate will teach – among other things – English-language classes in the Master’s programme “Dependency and Slavery Studies” as well as modules on cultural anthropology. In addition, the appointee is expected to be willing to achieve C1-level proficiency in German within five years.

Applicants should also have international and interdisciplinary teaching and research experience. As part of the professorship, the successful candidate is expressly invited to actively engage with the University of Bonn’s various joint research initiatives, and to contribute to the internationalization of the BCDSS’s research environment and the further development of our study programmes.

The appointment requirements follow Section 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz NRW).

The University of Bonn promotes an open, respectful, and non-discriminatory academic culture and is actively committed to equal opportunity and family friendliness. We aim to eliminate structural disadvantages and to strengthen diversity in research, teaching, and administration. Therefore, we welcome all applications, regardless of ethnic or social background, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, or age. Applications from women and people with a documented severe disability (or equivalent status) will be given preferential consideration in accordance with the Gender Equality Act of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz NRW, LGG NRW) and Book IX of the Social Code (Sozialgesetzbuch IX, SGB IX).



Please apply to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts via our online portal: <https://berufungsportal.uni-bonn.de>

The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact dependency@uni-bonn.de

Evaluation criteria (as of 15/04/2026)

In accordance with the University of Bonn's tenure-track regulations, an interim evaluation will take place after two years. The second phase will conclude with a final evaluation. If this is positive, the professorship will be converted into a permanent W3 professorship.

Criteria for the interim evaluation:

- Successful participation in teaching on the BCDSS' study programmes and other departments within the Faculty of Arts, as evidenced by positive teaching evaluations; supervision of student theses (BA/MA)
- A successful research track record, as evidenced by publications (at least one paper accepted in a peer-reviewed publication) and preparatory work on an application for competitive external funding
- Active participation in academic self-governance
- Proven engagement with the BCDSS' affiliated partner institutions both within and outside the university, and active participation in existing international research collaborations, as well as potentially contributing to developing new ones

Criteria for the final evaluation:

- Developing and introducing new teaching content, as evidenced by positive teaching evaluations; supervision of student theses (BA/MA)
- Supporting junior researchers, as evidenced by supervision of PhD students and attending training courses to develop professional skills in supervising others
- A successful research track record, as evidenced by publications (at least three papers accepted in peer-reviewed publication over the period of five years)
- Application submitted for an externally funded research project
- Active participation in academic self-governance
- Proven engagement with the BCDSS' affiliated partner institutions both within and outside the university, as well as proven active participation in expanding existing international research collaborations, or potentially contributing to developing new ones.