In a joint appointment procedure based on a cooperation agreement, the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies, Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) and the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe invite applications for a

**W2 Professorship in Digital History**

as of now

Reference is made to § 61 Para. 7 Hessian Higher Education Act (HHG) and to conditions of employment based on § 62 HHG. Proficient knowledge of German is expected. The successful candidate will represent the subject area in both teaching and research as described in the following professional profile:

**Prerequisites:** Applicants must be able to demonstrate a proven expertise in the field of Digital History. Ideally, we are looking for someone with specialist knowledge on the history and cultural heritage of East Central Europe as well as experience in developing digital knowledge resources and teaching programs. The successful candidate must also be willing to immerse her or himself in the content and regional focus areas of the Herder Institute. Knowledge of an East European language is an advantage. Internationally recognized research and successes in applying for third-party funding (for example, through the DFG or BMBF) are required. Preferably, applicants have experiences in managing projects or network structures.

**Tasks:** The successful applicant for this position will be expected to make a strong contribution to the JLU while at the same time actively supporting the development of the Herder Institute’s research infrastructures. The professorship will also involve further developing Digital History as a field of research as well as developing and carrying out independent and third-party funding applications for projects related to Digital History. A further responsibility will be to collaborate with researchers in visually-based subject areas on topics pertaining to visual history. We are looking for an applicant who will have a strategic interest in cooperating with partners in East Central Europe, both within universities and in non-university organizations, on questions around the Digital Humanities. The position will also involve working at the Institute for History at JLU, the Center for Media and Interactivity (ZMI), the Giessen Center for East European Studies (GiZo), the International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture (GCSC) as well as participating in the Herder Institute Research Academy (HIRA). An important part of the role will also entail overseeing aspects of gender equality and representation in both research and teaching.

The teaching aspect of this role will involve delivering a range of BA and MA courses in the area of History and interdisciplinary studies (in Journalism and Public History and as part of the GiZo MA “Interdisciplinary Studies on East Central Europe”) as well as developing and delivering courses for teacher training programs. In addition, the candidate will be expected to organize practice-oriented events relating to Digital History with the collections and infrastructure of the Herder Institute as a basis.

The JLU aims to employ more women in academic research. We therefore particularly encourage female candidates to apply. JLU also pursues the goal at faculty leadership level of increased competence in dealing with gender and family-related issues. JLU is regarded as a family-friendly university. Applicants with children are very welcome. Applications from disabled people of equal aptitude will be given preference.

Please send your letter of application (no emails, please) with a CV and a documentation of your qualification and teaching competence to the President of Justus Liebig University Giessen, Erwin-Stein-Gebäude, Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen, Germany, quoting the reference number 4-35/18. Applications must be received by January 20th, 2019 at the latest.

Candidates are strongly recommended to refer to our webpage on application procedures at http://www.uni-giessen.de/stellenmarkt/merkblatt.pdf. Please submit only copies of your application documents as they cannot be returned after the application procedure has been completed.