

## Postdoc Position, Cognitive Research in ArtHistory (CReA), University of Vienna

Vienna

Application deadline: May 25, 2025

Raphael Rosenberg, University of Vienna

The Department of Art History at the University of Vienna is one of the oldest and largest. Since 2009, it has been home to the Laboratory for Cognitive Research in Art History (CReA, <https://crea.univie.ac.at/>), a world-leading center for interdisciplinary studies combining art history with cognitive science and computer science. In addition to databases and visual analysis, the focus is on recording eye movements while viewers look at artworks in laboratory and museum experiments.

The Department of Art History is part of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies (<https://hist-kult.univie.ac.at/en/>). The CReA lab is also associated with the Vienna Cognitive Science Hub (<https://cognitivescience.univie.ac.at/>) and the Doctoral School Cognition, Behaviour and Neuroscience (CoBeNe, <https://vds-cobene.univie.ac.at/>).

Your future tasks:

- You are involved in research projects of the CReA lab and coordinate the activities of the lab with Prof. Raphael Rosenberg
- You establish an independent research profile
- You publish internationally and give lectures
- You develop and apply for projects and raise third-party funds
- You hold courses independently and supervise students in seminars

You have:

- A completed doctorate/Ph.D. in art history, cognitive science, or related subjects
- An outstanding dissertation
- Research competence and initiative proven through international publications
- Excellent English skills (C1)
- Knowledge of German is desirable
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent IT skills
- Enthusiasm and ideally proven ability to work in a team, with social and communicative skills

We offer:

- An inspiring working atmosphere
- An interdisciplinary and international team with an excellent research infrastructure and a relaxed working environment.

- Internal training and coaching: The University of Vienna offers a wide range of internal training and personal skill enhancement. We support your participation in scholarly workshops, conferences, and summer schools.
- Life in Vienna: Vienna has been voted the most livable city worldwide several times. It has a rich cultural landscape, outstanding infrastructure, and excellent public transportation. Your workplace in the city center is easily accessible by public transport. The cost of living in Vienna is moderate by international standards.
- A fixed-term contract and fair salary: the basic monthly gross salary is currently € 4.932,90 (14 times a year, collective bargaining agreement: §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b postdoc, full time: 40 hours p. week).
- A limited contract: the position can begin in September or October 2025 and is limited to four and a half years. Further employment at the University of Vienna for up to eight years with third-party-funded projects is possible.

Please apply with:

- a letter of motivation
- your curriculum vitae
- copies of diploma and transcript of records
- a copy of the PhD thesis
- copies of the reports of the PhD thesis (if available)
- a sketch of a research project (ideally using eye tracking in art historical research, max. five pages)
- via our job portal / Apply now - button (<https://career5.successfactors.eu/careers?company=univie>), ref. no. 3696 (available May 1 to 25).

If you have any content questions, please contact: Katrina E. Zachhuber ([katrina.zachhuber@univie.ac.at](mailto:katrina.zachhuber@univie.ac.at)) or Raphael Rosenberg ([raphael.rosenberg@univie.ac.at](mailto:raphael.rosenberg@univie.ac.at)).

We look forward to new personalities in our team! The University of Vienna has an anti-discriminatory employment policy and attaches great importance to equal opportunities, the advancement of women, and diversity. We lay special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and academic positions among the academic and general university staff and, therefore, expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female candidates.

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