

4 Research Positions in a Swiss National Science Foundation project, HKB Bern

Feb 1, 2026–Jan 31, 2030

Application deadline: Aug 31, 2025

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We're Hiring! Join the Critical Conservation Research Team at HKB.

Are you passionate about conservation, heritage, and critical research? The Bern University of Applied Sciences – Academy of the Arts (HKB) is recruiting for four roles in the SNSF-funded project Critical Conservation—a bold, interdisciplinary initiative rethinking conservation as a pluricultural, political, and epistemic practice.

Open Positions (Starting February 1, 2026):

- Project Assistant, 15%– Diploma/BA, motivated supporter with an eye for detail and communication:

<https://jobs.bfh.ch/offene-stellen/project-assistant-for-the-snsf-project-critical-conservation/0ce33b89-1cfe-4cf8-8644-37b811da9cac>

- Research Associate, 40–50% – MA or equivalent, early-career researcher, experience in the practice of conservation and great collaboration skills:

<https://jobs.bfh.ch/offene-stellen/research-associate-for-the-snsf-project-critical-conservation/bc2a41f4-2976-4796-bffa-8fada12a0273>

- Senior Research Associate, 50–60% – Experienced researcher (PhD preferred), strong academic record, leadership potential:

<https://jobs.bfh.ch/offene-stellen/senior-research-associate-for-the-snsf-project-critical-conservation/c7c5567f-14fe-4e1c-a998-a461ea61d7b9>

- Postdoctoral Fellow, 60–70% – Recent PhD, strong publications, interdisciplinary interest:

<https://jobs.bfh.ch/offene-stellen/postdoctoral-fellow-for-the-snsf-project-critical-conservation/d2d655df-61bc-4ecc-b59b-3cd7c848d15f>

Based at: Institute Materiality in Art and Culture, HKB, Bern

Interviews: September 23 & 29, 2025 (in person, Bern)

Apply by: August 31, 2025 via HKB Jobs

Languages: Excellent English; German is a plus

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For more information about the project:

<https://centerforcriticalconservation.com/what-is-conservation>

Reference:

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