



W2 Professorship in Art Studies with a Focus on Middle and Modern Art History

The Braunschweig University of Art (HBK) is seeking to fill a W2 professorship in **Art Studies with a Focus on Middle and Modern Art History** at the **Institute of Art Studies**, with effect from 1 April 2027.

The successful candidate will be appointed either as a civil servant or as a permanent salaried employee.

The Braunschweig University of Art (HBK) is an internationally oriented art university with the right to award doctoral and post-doctoral degrees. With around 1000 students in the fields of fine arts, art education, performing arts, design and design studies, visual communication, art studies and media studies, the HBK Braunschweig is one of the large universities of the arts in Germany.

The Professorship in Art Studies has a teaching and research focus on the art history of cultural production from the 16th to the 18th century, while also drawing connections to the arts since the 12th century with a view to Braunschweig as a location. The professorship's primary task is to critically reflect on and deconstruct the criteria, methods, concepts, and perspectives applied within an art history traditionally fixated on Europe, so as to describe and evaluate artistic forms of production, shifts in media, epochal boundaries, dispositifs of power, and cultural transfers. The professorship considers the arts within their social, historical, ecological, economic, material, medial, and technological contexts, taking into account their performative and functional aspects. It involves histories of transcultural entanglements, de- and post-colonial perspectives as well as feminist, queer, and ecologically sensitive approaches in research and teaching. The successful candidate is expected to be able and willing to establish perspectives and methods of environmental humanities and material culture studies within art-historical research and teaching at HBK.

Requirements for Appointment

- a relevant completed university degree in art studies/art history
- an outstanding doctorate in art studies/art history
- a postdoctoral thesis ("Habilitation") or equivalent achievements in art studies/art history or a related field of knowledge
- pedagogical and didactic aptitude demonstrated through subject-specific teaching at universities and art academies, suited to the specific, heterogeneous teaching context at HBK

The appointment requirements are set out in Section 25 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG).

We expect

- outstanding specialist expertise
- relevant publications, lectures, and exhibitions
- experience in the design and execution of research projects and in securing third-party funding

- willingness to cooperate with museums, exhibition institutions, universities, and art academies in the region, as well as in German-speaking countries and in a global context
- ability and willingness to embed perspectives and methods from cultural animal studies, environmental humanities, and material culture studies within art-historical research and teaching at HBK
- willingness to actively engage in academic self-administration
- demonstrated proficiency in German, at a minimum of level C1

Additional desirable qualifications

- openness towards the experimental teaching and research formats of an art academy
- ability and willingness to network, in research and teaching, with the fields of media studies, transformation design, fine arts, art education, and art mediation at HBK

Applicants are expected to have the necessary social, leadership, equality, and diversity-promotion skills and to contribute to anti-discrimination work at the university. Strong communication competence and the ability to act in an integrative manner across the university are also expected.

Applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference where equally qualified. Please enclose supporting evidence.

The university fosters a diverse culture and therefore particularly welcomes applications from people who increase diversity or are actively committed to it.



As a member of the Dual Career Network SüdOstNiedersachsen, the university can offer support with reconciling dual careers.

Part-time employment is possible.

Encouragingly HBK's equality strategies have resulted in there currently being no under-representation as defined by the Lower Saxony Equal Opportunities Act and the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act. Applications from people of all genders are welcome.

Please send your application with the **completed [application form](#), cover letter, details of your professional and academic career, relevant certificates and references, a list of publications and courses taught, a teaching concept, and a list of third-party funded projects** to us by **6 September 2026** as an email attachment to berufungen@hbk-bs.de (**a single PDF of max. 15 MB**).

Please note that submissions in other file formats will not be considered.

Application costs cannot be reimbursed.

For the purposes of personnel selection, personal data is processed on the basis of Section 88 of the Lower Saxony Civil Service Act (NBG) (for civil servants), or Section 12 of the Lower Saxony Data Protection Act (NDStG) in conjunction with Section 88 NBG (for non-civil-service staff). If an applicant is not selected, their application documents and all personal data will be destroyed or deleted six months after the selection procedure is legally

concluded. Detailed information on data protection in the application procedure can be found here.

For questions relating to the application procedure, please contact Ms Carina Haas (berufungen@hbk-bs.de, 0049 531 / 391 9343).