

External Job Advertisement Reg. Nr. 5-4547/25-D

The Faculty of Natural Sciences III, Institute of Geosciences and Geography, at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is seeking a full-time (100%) (part time is possible)

Research Associate (m-f-d)

for a fixed term of 3 years starting 01.10.2025.

Remuneration will be determined based on job duties and responsibilities and will be aligned with the fulfilment of listed personal requirements, up to pay grade E13 under the *TV-L (Tarifvertrag für den Öffentlichen Dienst der Länder – 'German Public Service Pay Agreement for the Federal States')*.

The ERC Synergy project The Cultures of the Cryosphere. Infrastructures, Politics and Futures of Artificial Cooling (CultCryo) investigates the cultural preconditions and consequences of the use of artificial cold. With a globally networked system of cold storage facilities, nitrogen tanks, cold chains, and air-conditioned spaces, the global use of cooling and freezing technologies enables modern life on both biological and social levels – for example, in the areas of food supply, medicine, air conditioning, and data processing. Despite its far-reaching socio-ecological impacts, the enormously energy-intensive planetary "cryosphere" has not yet been systematically researched. The interdisciplinary research project consists of several international research groups working in close cooperation. For more information, please visit: www.cryocultures.org

Job Responsibilities:

- Developing and implementing the "Atlas of the Cryosphere"; an interactive online platform that promotes the research of the CultCryo project
- Mapping and visualising geographies of artificial cooling
- Closely cooperating with international research teams and project partners in the fields of philosophy, social science, urban studies, history, geography, and computer science

Requirements:

- Completed scientific university degree (Master's degree) in geography, anthropology, design or related fields
- PhD of advantage but not required
- Very good English skills (C1 or higher) are required, knowledge of German is desirable
- Experiences in geovisualization (GIS, digital mapping, data management, design)
- Interest in science communication and transfer
- Ability to work in a team

We offer:

- Independent and collaborative research with a dynamic, international, professional team, with various opportunities to engage and include the public,
- attractive working conditions (home office, flexible working hours, and variable part-time models)

Applications from disabled persons, including those of equal status (as certified by the *Bundesagentur für Arbeit* / Federal Employment Agency), will be given preferential consideration if they are equally suitable and qualified.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications from individuals of all nationalities are explicitly welcome. Applicants with a degree that was not obtained at a German university must submit a Statement of Comparability for Foreign Higher Education Qualifications from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) (<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education>) as proof of equivalence upon conclusion of the employment contract. You can find ways to apply for a financial grant for this under: <https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/pro/anererkennungszuschuss.php#>.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Boris Michel, Email: boris.michel@geo.uni-halle.de.

Your application should include a cover letter (2-3 pages), a CV, work samples (max. 15 pages), as well as relevant certificates (all academic degrees). Please send your application by June 19, 2025 as one pdf file, including Reg. No.: 5-4547/25-D, with the required documents to Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Prof. Dr. Boris Michel boris.michel@geo.uni-halle.de as well as to applications@cryocultures.org

This job posting is subject to potential budgetary restrictions.

Application costs will not be reimbursed by Martin Luther University. Application documents will only be returned if a sufficiently stamped envelope is enclosed. Electronic applications are welcome.