

Call for Applications

**One postdoctoral position (3-5 years) for a Latinist
for preparing the critical edition of a major Latin Ptolemaic text**

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The project **Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus (PAL)** is dedicated to the edition and study of the Arabic and Latin versions of Ptolemy's astronomical and astrological texts and related material. These include works by Ptolemy or attributed to him, commentaries thereupon, and other works that are of immediate relevance to understanding Ptolemy's reception and legacy in the Middle Ages and the early modern period up to 1700.

The project is hosted by the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Munich for a period of 25 years from 2013 to 2037. It is supervised by Prof. Dr. Dag Nikolaus Hasse (University of Würzburg) and carried out by a team of five scholars, including two research leaders (Dr. David Juste and Dr. Benno van Dalen), two postdoctoral researchers and one doctoral researcher.

We invite applications for one postdoctoral position (no age limit):

- One full-time position for a period of 3 years, with possible extension up to 5 years pending positive evaluation and budget leeway. The position is expected to commence on **1 September 2026**, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The position is remunerated according to German pay scale TV-L E13 (currently €4,967–6580 gross per month), liable to deductions for tax, social security, and retirement provisions. The salary level will depend on the candidate's relevant academic experience.
- The postdoctoral researcher will have office facilities at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Munich, together with the other project members, and is expected to work there full time. The employment contract will be with the University of Würzburg. The first six months of the contract are a probation period.
- Qualifications and skills: applicants must hold a PhD in an field relevant to the project, have an excellent knowledge of Latin philology as well as experience with editing Latin texts, an excellent command of written and spoken English (the primary language of the project) and, preferably, research experience in line with PAL objectives, in particular in the history of science. Knowledge of Greek and/or Arabic is an advantage.

- The main task of the successful candidate will be to prepare the critical edition of a major Ptolemaic astronomical or astrological text in Latin. Candidates willing to work on astrology are especially encouraged to apply.
- The postdoctoral researcher is expected to be an active member of the research team and to take part in the various aspects of the project. One typical task associated with this position is to transcribe further Latin Ptolemaic texts to be published online (see <https://ptolemaeus.badw.de/transcriptions>). These additional tasks are expected to take up no more than 25% of the working time of the postdoctoral researcher.
- The successful candidate should agree to publish the result of their work in the PAL book series (Brepols) and on the PAL web interface. All contributions by members of the research team are published under their own name, and authorship is duly acknowledged in every collaborative output, including online publications.
- Applications should be sent in English by **30 April 2026** to Prof. Dr. Dag Nikolaus Hasse by email at applications@ptolemaeus.badw.de. Applications must include a full curriculum vitae (including a list of publications); a letter of motivation, in which the applicant is asked to address the above description and qualifications and to propose a starting date if different from 1 September 2026; and the names and contact details of two academic referees who may be contacted by the project leaders.

Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by email as soon as a decision is made. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview, either on site or online.

Further information about the project, including the Project Outline, is available at <http://ptolemaeus.badw.de>.

For further enquiries, please contact David Juste (djuste@ptolemaeus.badw.de).