

Post-Doctoral Research Position (15 months, full-time)

Tibetan Manuscript Project Vienna (TMPV)

The Tibetan Manuscript Project Vienna ([TMPV](#)) is a long-term research initiative devoted to the documentation, preservation, and study of Tibetan canonical literature, located at the University of Vienna. As part of its current project “*Himalayan Sūtra Collections*,” TMPV invites applications for a **full-time Post-Doc position** (15 months), starting in **January 2026**. Subject to the successful approval of a follow-up project, an extension of employment may be possible. The position requires residence in Austria.

Main Responsibilities

- Cataloguing Tibetan manuscript collections of canonical literature for inclusion in the **Resources for Kanjur and Tanjur Studies (rKTs)** archive
- Conducting original research on these collections (canon formation, local history, manuscript studies, or related fields depending on expertise) and presenting this research at leading venues (conferences, publications)
- Undertaking fieldwork and documenting additional manuscript collections (this includes high-altitude trekking up to 5,500m in Nepal under basic living conditions)
- Assisting in project-related academic events and publications
- Contributing to the further development of the **rKTs** archive, ideally including aspects of technical development in collaboration with team members
- Supporting the preparation of a follow-up project application (planned for autumn 2026)

Candidate Profile

- Doctoral degree in **Tibetan Studies** (completed)
- Excellent knowledge of **Classical and Colloquial Tibetan**; knowledge of **Sanskrit** is an advantage
- Experience with Tibetan **canonical literature** and **manuscript sources**

- Ideally, the candidate will have skills in **database** and **website** management (e.g., SQL, PHP, JavaScript, JSON, XML). Familiarity with data description and encoding standards such as MODS or TEI is an advantage. Please note that this represents an ideal skill set; it is not expected that a single candidate will meet all of these criteria.
- Excellent command of **English** (spoken and written)
- Strong **team spirit**, both in office settings and under challenging fieldwork conditions

Employment Details

- Remuneration according to the [FWF Post-Doc scheme](#): €4,932 gross/month, plus a 13th and 14th salary (annual bonuses)

Application Procedure

Please submit your application by November 05, 2025 (latest) to project director Markus Viehbeck (markus.viehbeck@univie.ac.at). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Applications should be submitted as **a single PDF file** containing:

- Letter of motivation (including an outline of how your research aligns with TMPV's scope)
- Curriculum vitae (including list of publications)
- Link to your PhD thesis and recent publications
- Names and contact details of two referees

TMPV is committed to non-discriminatory employment practices, equal opportunities, and diversity.