



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Research Fellow – Ethnomusicology/Musicology (f/m/x)

Institute of Musicology

We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The Institute of Musicology at the University of Cologne provides an interdisciplinary working environment, bringing together expertise and research projects across ethnomusicological, systematic, computational, and historical approaches. It offers excellent opportunities for development in both research and teaching, as well as high-quality audio and multicamera video recording facilities for performance research.

YOUR TASKS

- » Teach an average of 3 SWS
- » Support ongoing research projects that combine ethnographic and systematic approaches; tasks may include interview transcription and coding, audiovisual recording, video editing, and annotation
- » Assist in the organization of recording sessions, scientific workshops, music performances, guest lectures, and academic/public outreach
- » Create and maintain webpages that communicate research activities and events
- » Contribute to the preparation of third-party funding applications
- » Make a limited contribution to the administrative work of the Institute

YOUR PROFILE

- » A completed Master's degree in ethnomusicology, musicology or a related discipline
- » In addition, either a completed doctorate, or concrete plans to pursue one (please include a project overview with your application documents)
- » Research interests in music and movement (e.g., gesture, dance) or music as interaction (e.g., social, interpersonal)
- » Teaching experience in ethnomusicology or musicology
- » Experience with, or willingness to acquire skills in, video editing and video annotation
- » Very good English and German language skills (or a commitment to attaining this level)

WE OFFER

- » A stimulating research and teaching environment
- » The opportunity to either pursue a doctorate or work towards your Habilitation
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models
- » Opportunity to work remotely

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 April 2026 on a part-time basis (29,87 hours per week). It is limited initially until 31 March 2029, with the possibility of extension. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications (without a photo) under <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2512-04. The application deadline is 10 February 2026.

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Dr Lara Pearson (lara.pearson@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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