

The Vienna Museum of Technology is the largest in Austria and has unique holdings of technological history in its collections and archives. To strengthen our team, we are looking to fill the position of

HEAD OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE (m / f / d)

According to the museum's mission, the research institute is dedicated to research, knowledge development and knowledge transfer with regards to science and technology. Current collection-, exhibition-, education- and conservation projects set the agenda for the institutes focus, while the institute in return delivers stimulus to these areas. For maximum accessibility of institutional knowledge management the institute acts as a focal point of research projects outside universities and as an open-science-partner for students and other interested parties. The institute encourages self-critical reflection on museological activities and promotes this especially in the areas of digitalisation, diversity and sustainability. Parts of the institute are the library and archive, software collection, digital archive/collection management, open access publications, conservation/restoration and colonial/NS provenance research. There is also strong cooperation with the "Mediathek", Austria's audio-visual archive.

Key responsibilities:

- Leading the institute and its strategic development in close accordance with the CEO and scientific director, team leaders within the institute and the audio-visual archive "Mediathek".
- Developing interdisciplinary research focus, preferably on collecting and preserving software, use of AI-based technologies in archive- and museum activities and digital story telling and education
- Applying strong engagement and creativity to find new ideas, networking and successful research funding projects including concept, planning, application project leadership and documentation
- Steering and editorial leadership for the museum's open access publications
- Coordinating and executing international workshops, lectures and conferences
- Cooperating with professional relevant communities, universities, companies and sponsors

Required qualification:

- PhD in STEM area, cultural heritage or arts' science
- Experience in steering/leading interdisciplinary teams with facilitating preparing and communicating complex matters
- Proven expertise in up-to-date museological research on an international level
- Knowledge of Austria's research funding landscape
- Experience in third party funded projects, including concept, planning, application and delivery
- Former work experience with museums/exhibitions being an asset
- Very good German and English language skills

Our offer:

- Exiting assignment in an interdisciplinary team working on a very diverse collection
- We are offering a key position in direct cooperation with the museum's top leadership to shape the future of the organisation and actively encourage minorities to apply
- A versatile field of work with high responsibility and spacious room for creativity and development
- Participation in a federal NPO committed to sustainability and diversity – certified as a "green museum" as well as an equal opportunity employer
- Full time employment in a disability-friendly building with free time management (flexitime) and blended telework, 25 days annual leave and attractive employee benefits like free access to museums worldwide (ICOM) and annual season ticket for public transport
- Collaborating in a friendly environment with colleagues sharing our values and dedication for our mission and projects
- Immigration support

Your application should include:

- Motivation letter and curriculum vitae, max. 2 pages each
- List of projects and/or publications, max. 2 pages
- Your salary expectations and potential starting date
- Answering one of the following (fictional) research questions in max. 2000 signs (inc. blanks)
 - Inventory #105672: Information folder „plastic recycling“
 - Inventory #77315/6: Disc box of Wladimir Narbutt-Lieven
 - Shelf mark EA-002804-35: Photo „Woman in national dress of Mostar“

Link to online collection data base:

<https://www.technischesmuseum.at/museum/online-sammlung>

Link to research institute:

<https://www.technischesmuseum.at/museum/forschungsinstitut>

Link to open access publications:

<https://openaccesspublikationen.tmw.at>

Applications will be accepted from now until August 15, 2024 using the following link:

<https://jobs.technischesmuseum.at/Vacancies/277/Application/CheckLogin/1?lang=ger>

Applications that do not comply with the maximum volume limits of required documents cannot be considered.

Costs arising from the application cannot be covered.