

Neo-Latin in the Modern World
Neo-Latin and the Newcomers: Catholic Inculturation(s)

Job advertisement (PreDoc)

In January 2026, the Universities of Innsbruck and Freiburg i.Br. will launch a joint *Special Research Area* (SRA) entitled *Neo-Latin in the Modern World*. In addition to a general unit that will set up a general database and develop the digital infrastructure, the SRA will consist of seven thematically defined sub-projects.

For the sub-project *Neo-Latin and the Newcomers: Catholic Inculturation(s)*, led by Patryk Ryczkowski, we are seeking for a PreDoc collaborator. Looking particularly into Eastern Catholicism and Catholic monastic communities, this sub-project investigates what was the role of Latin in the processes of inclusion into Catholic culture. While it focuses on Latin (literature) used by communities emerging and re-orientating themselves in the Church to adopt Catholic discourse and, conversely, to mark their specific profile, it also grasps a specific profile of the new and renewed Catholic orders.

Given the thematic scope of the sub-project, candidates from central and eastern European countries, or with established background in central and eastern European literary culture and history, are particularly, but not exclusively, encouraged to submit their applications.

What the candidate should offer:

- Master's degree in Classics or in a relevant subject specialising in the early modern period
- interest in writing a PhD thesis in Neo-Latin studies connected to the sub-project's research questions
- some experience in the field of Neo-Latin
- readiness to work in an international research team
- excellent knowledge of Latin

What we offer:

- inclusion in a worldwide leading centre of Neo-Latin research
- possibility of developing a career in the thriving field of Neo-Latin and early modern studies under the supervision and encouragement of experienced researchers
- possibility to benefit from the universities' training programmes
- flexible working conditions and family-friendly working environment
- additional benefits for the employees like subsidies for public transport or lunch

The position is supposed to start as soon as possible after January 1, 2026; it will last for three years and can then be converted into a PostDoc position. The employee will be based in Innsbruck. The working hours for a Pre-Doc are 30 hours per week; payment is based on the [salary rates of the FWF](#) which funds the SRA. No teaching duties are involved, but it will be possible for the post holder to teach if they wish so.

We are looking forward to your **application which should consist of (1) a letter of motivation (max. 2 pages), (2) an academic CV, and (3) a writing sample.** The application should be sent to Florian Schaffenrath, the SRA's speaker (florian.schaffenrath@uibk.ac.at), who is also available for any further questions; alternatively, you can consult the sub-project's PI, Patryk Ryczkowski (patryk.ryczkowski@uibk.ac.at). **The closing date is December 12, 2025.** The interviews will be held online during the week commencing December 15.