

**Call for Applications**  
***Off the Menu: Appetites, Culture, and Environment***  
**International Junior Research Group at the University of Augsburg**

**1 Student Assistant Position**

Funded by the Elite Network of Bavaria

Deadline: 20 December 2023

The *Off the Menu: Appetites, Culture, and Environment* Junior Research Group at the Faculty of Philology and History at the University of Augsburg invites applications for **one part-time student assistant position** (8–12 hours a week).

*Off the Menu* bridges food studies, environmental history, and the environmental humanities to spotlight the history of culturally shaped eating practices as key sites of ecological transformations and to study the intimate connections between cuisine, culture, and the environment. The project charts how ecological and culinary shifts have intersected over time and the historical contours of such shifts. To do so, *Off the Menu* roots itself in the blue humanities and focuses on water and seafood to consider the emergence of environmentally conscious cuisines and sustainability as a culinary practice from the eighteenth century to the present-day. *Off the Menu* is funded by the Elite Network of Bavaria and is affiliated with the International Doctorate Program (IDK) “[Um\(Welt\)Denken](#)”: [Rethinking Environment. The Environmental Humanities and the Ecological Transformation of Society](#), a partnership between the University of Augsburg and the Rachel Carson Center (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich).

The student assistant will support the *Off the Menu* research team of three. Duties include library service; indexing; image research; website maintenance; and other tasks related to the day-to-day work of the research group. Applicants must be enrolled at the University of Augsburg and not hold a degree higher than a BA. Preference will be given to those with backgrounds in history, cultural history, food studies or the environmental humanities. Applicants must have fluent oral and written communication skills in English. Working hours are flexible.

To apply, please send your CV, cover letter, and the contact information of two references as a single PDF file to [sekretariat.umweltgeschichte@philhist.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:sekretariat.umweltgeschichte@philhist.uni-augsburg.de) by **20 December 2023**. Interviews will take place in January 2024. The position will begin in March 2024.

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