

As part of the DFG project “Stone Age Engineering: Investigating Adhesive Making and Ochre Heat Treatment in Southern Africa and Europe,” a position is available at Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen for a

PhD candidate (m/f/d) (65% E13 TV-L, limited to 3 years)

with a focus on archaeometry and the production of organic adhesives.

The research project is closely linked to a DFG Heisenberg project led by the principal investigator (PI) and aims to investigate the evolutionary significance of transformative Stone Age techniques, such as the production of adhesives, in Africa and Europe.

Requirements include a university degree (master's or equivalent) in archaeometry, ideally with a focus on organic chemistry, or in chemistry, as well as the motivation to work on fundamental new data relevant to archaeological research and a willingness to work in a team.

A further requirement is a willingness to undertake several weeks of fieldwork (collection of raw materials, experiments) in South Africa and Europe, as well as extensive experiments in the laboratory and under realistic conditions.

Disabled persons will be given preferential treatment if equally qualified. The University of Tübingen is committed to the goals of equality and diversity and actively promotes equal opportunities. The university strives to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore encourages suitably qualified female researchers to apply.

Applications with a CV and letter of motivation should be sent by December 31, 2025, to: Dr. Patrick Schmidt, University of Tübingen, Department of Earth Sciences, Wilhelmstrasse 56, 72074 Tübingen. Applications in PDF format sent by email are preferred: **patrick.schmidt@uni-tuebingen.de**