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# ICBS 2026, Vienna – Call for Applications: Congress Student Assistants (updated December 2025)

Would you like to experience a large international congress first-hand?

Are you interested in seeing established scholars and young researchers in Byzantine studies and related fields in action and meeting them?

Would you like to earn extra money and receive a certificate for your work?

The Organizational Committee of the International Congress of Byzantine Studies 2026 is pleased to invite applications for student assistant positions. The congress will take place from 23 to 29 August 2026 in the main building of the University of Vienna and is expected to host around 1,300 participants. These paid roles are designed to provide organizational assistance and help students offset the cost of attending the ICBS. Outside of assigned shifts, student assistants are free to attend congress sessions and events. A networking event aimed at students is also being planned.

#### **Eligibility**:

Applicants must be enrolled in a BA, MA, or PhD program at the time of application. Priority will be given to students with an interest in Byzantine Studies and related disciplines, followed by students in the humanities. Applicants must have a solid command of English. We regret that, due to current regulations at the University of Vienna, we are only able to accept applicants who (1) are citizens of an EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, or Switzerland or (2) are third-country nationals **and** have already at the time of application obtained unrestricted access to the Austrian labor market (*freier Zugang zum österreichischen Arbeitsmarkt*).

### What we offer:

- Waiver of congress fees
- A freelance service contract (freier Dienstnehmer\*in) including an hourly wage (15€/hour) and accident insurance. Actual hours worked will be billed after the congress.

Please note: students are responsible for their own tax declarations. A freelance service contract can only be offered again after an employment contract if there has been a break icbs2026.org | University of Vienna in cooperation with ÖAW and ÖBG



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of at least 12 months. For employment periods shorter than 12 months, the break must be at least half the duration of the previous employment.

## What we expect:

- Willingness to take on four shifts (approximately 22h) and two on-call shifts (5h30m/shift). Tasks include staffing the reception desk, providing basic IT support (e.g., assisting with projectors or uploading presentations), and other similar responsibilities.

## How to apply:

Please send an updated CV (without date of birth or photograph) and a short personal statement (max. 250 words) to <a href="https://hr.icbs2026@gmail.com">hr.icbs2026@gmail.com</a> by February 1, 2026. Please make sure to indicate your modern language skills in the CV. Successful applicants will be notified by March 2, 2026.

### **Payment information:**

Payment can only be made to a bank account with an IBAN.