

The Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum – Leibniz-Forschungsmuseum für Georessourcen (DBM) – is the world’s largest mining museum and also serves as an important research institute for issues pertaining to the cross-epochal treatment of mineral raw materials. DBM is closely tied into relevant domestic and international research and maintains networks with a number of universities, in particular with the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), regarding joint appointments. The museum, which contains an illustrative display mining pit and 8,000 square metres of exhibition space shows visitors how mining developed from prehistoric times to the present. Ecological, technical, cultural, and social aspects are presented in interactive dialogue form via contemporary presentation methods. DBM’s operators are DMT – Gesellschaft für Lehre und Bildung mbH (DMT-LB) in Bochum – and the city of Bochum itself. DBM’s research is institutionally supported by the federal and state governments. DBM is supervised by a board of trustees.

Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) is one of Germany’s leading research universities. It utilises its wide spectrum of subjects covering all areas of science to promote the establishment of profiles by cross-disciplinary collaboration.

To facilitate its succession planning, the Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum is seeking a new

Wissenschaftliche/r Direktor/in (m/w/d) (Scientific Director)

This recruitment is a joint mission with RUB to fill a professorship in the W3 salary scale.

Duties:

- Continue developing DBM as a leading institution to showcase “the cross-epochal influence of the use of geo-resources on the environment and society”.
- Conduct own research in this field and gain appropriate recognition in the research environment
- Closely cooperate with academic and other institutions and with additional partners regarding DBM’s research subjects.
- Develop and pursue strategic goals for the Forschungsmuseum DBM based on current debate on raw materials production and processing, and flowing out of new research fields.
- Seek grants and/or raise funds to ensure museum’s visibility in scientific circles.
- Contribute to university education and teaching and disseminate knowledge by way of scientific theses taking into account duties at DBM, to strengthen the existing close ties with Ruhr-Universität Bochum.
- Head DBM and represent institution in public.

Conditions of employment based on the joint appointment are contained in the public sector employment law as set forth in § 36 HG NRW (the law pertaining to higher education institutes in the state of NRW).

Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the DMT-Gesellschaft für Lehre und Bildung mbH strive to promote women’s careers in fields in which they are underrepresented and are accordingly looking forward to receiving applications by women. Applications by handicapped individuals and by applicants deemed legally equal are likewise welcome.

Interested?

Please email your relevant and complete PDF application to the chair of DBM’s board of trustees, Ms Bärbel Bergerhoff-Wodopia, at Bewerbung@rag-stiftung.de and to the dean of the department of history, dekan-gw@rub.de, latest until January 15th, 2021.

The RAG Stiftung will have your application processed by Spencer Stuart & Associates GmbH.

Further requirements include:

- Comprehensive know-how of topics inherent to museum work
- Experience of managing scientific institutions
- International network
- Professional proximity to mining

Skills:

- Visionary, strategically focused, and integrative leadership
- Great social skills and solid communication capabilities
- Distinct initiative and resilience
- Assertiveness and negotiating skills
- Teaching and supervision skills
- Able to work in a team; exhibit grasp of role perception with a view to DBM’s governance (dual command with scientific and administrative heads) and DMT-LB (collaborate with executive board)
- Spoken and written fluency of German and English