MONDEX CORPORATION

Leaders in Restitution, Advocacy & Research

**Position: Assistant Provenance Researcher – Independent Contractor**

**Location: Cologne Area, Germany**

**Mondex Corporation** an international firm specializing in art research, provenance investigation, advocacy, and restitution. Founded in 1993, Mondex has been working at the intersection of art history, historical research, and legal expertise to assist clients around the world in pursuing the recovery and restitution of works of art and cultural property that were lost, looted, or unlawfully transferred during periods of conflict, with a particular focus on artworks displaced during the Second World War and the Nazi era.
**Mondex Corporation** is seeking an **Assistant Provenance Researcher** based in the Cologne area of Germany to join our growing international team of art historians, provenance researchers, researchers, genealogists and legal experts.

## The Role

The Assistant Provenance Researcher will support the Mondex research team on a variety of provenance research and restitution projects involving works of art and cultural property, with particular emphasis on European art and works potentially affected by wartime and Nazi-era displacement.
Working under the direction of senior researchers, the successful candidate will assist with historical and provenance investigations, including the identification, collection, examination, and organization of relevant information and documentation. The role will involve both independent research and close collaboration with colleagues working in different locations and disciplines.
The position offers an opportunity to contribute to meaningful, internationally focused research projects while working within a specialized team dedicated to uncovering the history and ownership of works of art and supporting their potential restitution.

## Key Responsibilities

The Assistant Provenance Researcher will:

- Assist with provenance research relating to European works of art and cultural property;
- Conduct archival, library, museum, database, and online research in support of provenance investigations;
- Identify and review historical records, catalogues, inventories, auction records, archival documents, and other relevant sources;
- Assist in tracing ownership histories and identifying gaps, inconsistencies, and relevant leads in provenance documentation;
- Research individuals, collections, dealers, galleries, institutions, and other entities connected to the history of an artwork;
- Locate, review, organize, and accurately document relevant research findings and source materials;
- Contribute to research reports, chronologies, bibliographies, and other internal research documentation;
- Communicate research findings clearly and accurately in German and English;
- Work collaboratively with senior provenance researchers, art historians, and legal professionals;
- Undertake research at archives, libraries, museums, and other institutions as required; and
- Travel within Germany and internationally when required for research purposes.

## Qualifications and Skills

The successful candidate will have:

- MA or equivalent degree in Art History;
- Broad knowledge of European art from the 15th through the 20th centuries;
- Relevant academic or professional experience in provenance research;
- Relevant experience conducting archival, library, and historical research;
- Excellent written and verbal German, preferably at native or near-native level;

- Excellent written and verbal English at a professional level;
- French reading skills considered an asset;
- Very strong computer skills and confidence working with digital research tools, databases, online archives, and other electronic resources;
- Excellent research, analytical, organizational, and writing skills;
- Exceptional attention to detail and accuracy;
- A proactive, resourceful, and intellectually curious approach to research;
- The ability to work independently and manage research assignments effectively;
- The ability to collaborate as part of an international and multidisciplinary team;
- A high degree of professionalism, reliability, discretion, and accountability;
- Willingness and availability to travel frequently for research purposes, both within Germany and internationally; and
- Availability for approximately 35 hours per week.

**Independent Contractor Engagement**

This position is offered as an independent contractor / freelance engagement and is compensated on an hourly basis.
The successful candidate will work closely with Mondex's international research team while carrying out research assignments with a high degree of independence, initiative, and professional judgment.

**Why Join Mondex?**

Mondex's work combines art history, provenance research, historical investigation, and restitution in a highly specialized international environment. Our researchers work on complex cases that require curiosity, persistence, rigorous documentation, and the ability to uncover and interpret information from a wide range of sources.
The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced researchers and legal professionals, develop specialized expertise in provenance research, and contribute to investigations concerning the history and potential restitution of important works of art and cultural property.

**How to Apply**

Please submit your CV and a letter of introduction to recruiting@mondexcorp.com.
In your letter, please indicate:

- Your expected hourly rate;
- Your availability to commence the engagement; and
- Your availability for a 35 hour per week engagement.

**We thank all applicants for their interest in Mondex Corporation and for the time and effort invested in applying. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.**