

The **University of Passau** owes its strong visibility and good repute to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 13,000 students and more than 1,100 staff study and work on our University campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Passau** invites applications for the tenured civil-service post of:

Chair of Physical Geography with a focus on Human-Environment Research (pay grade W3)

The postholder must be able to cover the full breadth of the subject area of physical geography in the undergraduate programmes of the faculty, and applied physical geography at the master's level – in particular for the teacher education programmes and the interdisciplinary degree programmes *M.A. Geography: Culture, Environment and Tourism*, *M.A. Development Studies*; *B.A. and M.A. International Cultural and Business Studies*; *B.A. and M.A. European Studies*, *M.A. North and Latin American Studies*, and *B.A. Journalism and Strategic Communication*. The ability to teach innovatively in German and English is presupposed.

One of the explicit objectives of this chair is to promote interdisciplinary co-operation to arrive at a better understanding of the causes and effects of environmental change processes with global and local repercussions. Therefore, applicants should have a research focus on the interrelationships between human activity and the environment in connection with recent environmental changes. Physical-geographical research on questions of sustainability and/or development research in the context of changing climate and land use patterns would be particularly desirable. A strong willingness for research co-operation in interdisciplinary contexts is expected. We are looking for candidates with a strong track record of internationally visible publications and acquisition of external ('third-party') funds in integrative areas of research. A regional focus on countries of the Global South is desirable.

Research and teaching at the University of Passau are focused on the guiding themes of Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures; Europe and Global Transformation; and Migration, Sustainable Development and Just Order. As a forward-looking, internationally visible and attractive university for Europe, the University of Passau seeks to make a significant contribution towards solving Europe's current and future challenges. Members of all faculties are in the process of establishing a unique, internationally-orientated forum for ground-breaking interdisciplinary research on one of the greatest challenges of our time: the societal implications of digitalisation. A willingness to co-operate on this interdisciplinary and cross-faculty project is expected of all future colleagues.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities** is characterised by a wide range of geographical, thematic, methodological and academic subjects, as represented by its chairs and professorships. It underlines the regional specificities of inter- and transdisciplinary research and

teaching as well as the inclusion of current social topics in times of transformation, without losing sight of fundamental long-term research. Individual lines of scientific enquiry are bundled under the faculty's guiding theme of 'Society in Digital Transformation', which rests on the three pillars of cultures – values – identities.

The successful candidate will be educated to doctoral level and either possess a formal postdoctoral qualification, such as the German 'Habilitation', or equivalent academic achievements garnered within or outside the higher education system or as part of a prior assistant professor or comparable role (e.g. German 'Juniorprofessur'). He or she will have demonstrated pedagogical aptitude and academic excellence, the latter being generally established on the basis of the quality of his/her doctoral research and subsequent achievements, as applicable. In accordance with art. 10(3)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Employment Act (BayHSchPG), candidates must not be more than 52 years of age at the time of their appointment.

The University of Passau actively promotes equal opportunities for all genders as well as diversity in the workforce; therefore, applications are welcome from all candidates who fulfil the requisite qualifications, without regard to gender, cultural or social background, religion, world view, disability or sexual identity. As the University of Passau wishes to raise the proportion of women in research and teaching, female academics are expressly encouraged to apply. This post may be available part-time, provided a suitable number of candidates are willing to work on a work-share basis. Furthermore, this post is suitable for those with severe disabilities, who are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal.

To be considered, your application must reach the University by **30 September 2019**. Your full application should include all relevant supporting documents (curriculum vitae, list of publications, teaching assignments, teaching evaluations etc.) and should preferably be sent by e-mail to bewerbung@phil.uni-passau.de, with '**Geographie**' written in the subject line. It should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Passau, Professor Karsten Fitz, 94030 Passau. When e-mailing your application, all application documents should be attached as a single pdf file. E-mailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.

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