

The **University of Passau** owes its strong visibility and good reputation 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 Computer Science and Mathematics** at the University of Passau invites applications for the fixed-term civil-service post of:

**Professorship of Computational Rhetoric and Natural Language
Processing**
**(tenure-track professorship at pay grade W1
with an option on a tenured W3 post)**

This post is available to start immediately. The faculty seeks a person with an internationally excellent research record in the area of **computer-based natural language processing**. Possible research areas include:

- Semantic modelling of natural language for various applications
- Machine learning for natural language processing
- Natural language processing and information retrieval
- Analysis of complex language patterns in social media
- Text and social media mining
- Argumentation mining
- Conversational AI

The postholder will represent the full breadth of the subject in research and teaching. By way of teaching, the postholder will deliver modules for the bachelor's and master's programmes of the faculty, in particular the B.Sc. Computer Science, B.Sc. Internet Computing and the English-taught M.Sc. Computer Science programmes. A track record in the acquisition of external (third-party) funds and an interest in research collaborations within the faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics and with industry partners are desired.

In Bavaria, 'Juniorprofessor' positions (pay grade W1) are civil service posts with a fixed term of three years in the first phase (in German: 'Beamter auf Zeit'). Following a positive evaluation, an extension to a total of six years is envisaged (cf. art. 15(1) Bavarian Higher Education Employment Act, BayHSchPG).

Research and teaching at the University of Passau are focused on the guiding theme of Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures. A willingness for inter-faculty cooperation within the framework of the guiding theme as well as substantial contributions to internationally visible research at the University of Passau are desired.

The **Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics** is particularly strong in terms of external funds acquired and in the number of scientific publications; furthermore, it enjoys an excellent worldwide standing for its research output, and its teaching quality is proven by the outstanding results achieved in German university rankings. In order to meet the diverse challenges of a dynamic research landscape, the faculty has the following core competencies: algorithmically oriented mathematics and theoretical computer science as a formal, theoretical foundation; and computer science with a focus on software, information systems and IT security for the implementation of theoretical principles in a wide range of application areas.

The successful candidate will be educated to doctoral level and will, furthermore, have demonstrated pedagogical aptitude and academic excellence, whereby the latter is generally established on the basis of the quality of his or her doctorate, ideally in computer science, computer linguistics or a discipline closely related to computer science. 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.

Any periods of employment as research assistants or graduate research or teaching assistants (German job title: 'Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter', 'Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin' or 'Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft') before or after the doctoral qualification phase will be counted towards the time limit under art. 14(3) of the Bavarian Higher Education Employment Act (BayHSchPG): candidates must not have spent more than six years cumulatively in the doctoral and employment phase when applying for the W1 post. This period is extended as appropriate by any periods of maternity leave, parental leave etc.

The tenure-track career path is prescribed in the [tenure track statutes \(German text\)](#), which include provisions on quality assurance structures, procedures and standards. Advancement from the fixed-term tenure-track professorship to the tenured professorship will proceed in line with the criteria defined in this quality assurance concept. All professorships advertised as 'tenure track' by the University of Passau are binding for the University: following a positive evaluation of the postholder's work during the term of the initial professorship, the subsequent tenured post must be offered to him or her and cannot be withheld for extraneous reasons ('true tenure track'). This concept requires that candidates for this career path have completed a doctorate at a university other than the University of Passau and/or have worked in an academic position outside the University of Passau for a minimum of two years.

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 who are registered disabled. Registered disabled persons 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 **22 April 2020**. Your full application should include all relevant supporting documents (curriculum vitae, list of publications, teaching assignments, teaching evaluations etc. as well as three published articles from the last five years that are representative of your research output) and should preferably be sent by e-mail to dekanat@fim.uni-passau.de. It should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics of the University of Passau, Innstr. 33, 94032 Passau, Germany. 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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