The University of Passau owes its strong visibility and good repute to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 11,000 students and more than 1,300 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 Social and Educational Sciences at the University of Passau invites applications for the tenured civil-service post of

**Chair of Human Geography (pay grade W3)**

to start on 1 October 2024.

Applicants should be internationally recognised and visible and possess a strong, proven publication record. They should, furthermore, be experienced in the acquisition and management of third-party-funded research projects, in the promotion of early career researchers, in delivering research-oriented and innovative teaching, as well as in academic self-governance.

Experience conducting empirical and inter- or trans-disciplinary research is expected. It is desired that one European and one non-European regional research focus be represented.

You will be expected to teach classes at the introductory level as well as the advanced, theoretically underpinned level, e.g. by adopting a research-based-learning approach. As a matter of course, these classes will be in a range of formats, including lectures, seminars, excursions for the Teacher Education Programmes, interdisciplinary teaching/research projects and colloquia.

A willingness to teach classes and conduct examinations in the field of human geography is expected particularly for the Teacher Education Programmes (all school types) as well as the other bachelor’s and master’s degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences. The Chair is the programme convenor for the **M.A. Geography: Culture, Environment and Tourism** degree programme.

Academics at our five faculties conduct research, teaching and knowledge transfer activities at the cutting edge and according to the most exacting standards. Europe, sustainability and digitalisation are particular focal points of intensive inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration within the University and with our many national and international partners. As a sustainable, internationally visible and attractive university in and for Europe, the University of Passau seeks to make important contributions to solving the numerous challenges facing humanity both globally and locally.
The **Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences** is home to the Teacher Education Programmes for all German school types as well as a versatile offering of interdisciplinary courses for the bachelor's and master's programmes. Characterised by their outstanding academic quality, these courses are taught at all stages of the degree programmes, both introductory and advanced, using a wide range of innovative teaching methods. The research areas within the faculty are further characterised by a multifaceted content orientation as well as diverse methodological approaches.

The successful candidate will be educated to doctoral level in the field of geography and will have demonstrated both pedagogical aptitude and academic excellence, whereby the latter is generally established on the basis of the quality of his or her doctoral research and subsequent academic achievements. He or she will, furthermore, possess the German formal postdoctoral *habilitation* qualification or an equivalent body of academic achievements garnered whilst employed at an institution of higher education, for instance as a *juniorprofessor* or in a comparable position with a different title (e.g. assistant professor or lecturer), insofar as the duties and qualification profile correspond to those of a juniorprofessor position, or by leading a junior research group under the conditions specified in Art. 98(10) sentence 5 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG); the habilitation-equivalent achievements may also have been attained outside the higher education system. In accordance with Art. 60(3) sentence 1 BayHIG, 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 wishes to raise the proportion of women in research and teaching, female academics are expressly encouraged to apply. This position is suitable for people with disabilities; 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 **18 January 2024**. 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@sobi.uni-passau.de. It should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences of the University of Passau, Professor Maximilian Sailer, 94030 Passau, Germany. When e-mailing your application, all application documents should be attached in a single PDF file. Applications received electronically will be kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment process, at which time they will be deleted from our systems.

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