

The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Göttingen invites applications for a professorship with civil servant status (grade W2 NBesO) at the earliest possible date:

W2 Professorship in Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences (f/m/d)

The professorship represents the research and development of methods of qualitative and interpretative social research in research and teaching and is responsible for the basic training of the students in this field. We expect teaching experience and research contributions with proven foci in the qualitative and interpretative methods. Candidates should have a clear focus on the methodological foundation, on research-related application, and on the development of such methods.

We are looking for applicants who have relevant research and teaching experience, as well as experience in the acquisition of third-party funding. We expect international visibility and willingness for cooperation with colleagues from the subjects represented at the faculty. International research experience is an advantage. Compatibility with the research foci of the Faculty that are organised under the main topic of “Dynamics of social transformation” and active engagement in those foci are a prerequisite. University-wide and cross-faculty cooperation in research networks is desirable.

The teaching tasks of the professorship include the modules for the method training in the mainly German-language Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The aim is to teach qualitative and interpretative research methods and designs, as well as their quality criteria. The focus is on different procedures for the collection, preparation and evaluation of textual, auditory and visual data. The University of Göttingen attaches importance to research-oriented teaching.

Application requirements are the German “Habilitation” or equivalent qualifications in one of the Social Sciences that are represented at the Faculty.

Appointment requirements are stipulated by Article 25 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act in the most current version of that law. As a rule, junior professors and other members of the University of Göttingen can only be considered for a professorial appointment if after the completion of the doctoral thesis they have transferred to another university or worked for a minimum of two years in research elsewhere. The University of Göttingen is a Public Law Foundation and thereby entitled to award professorships. Details will be provided upon request.

Applications from abroad are explicitly welcome. The University of Göttingen strives to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are underrepresented and therefore explicitly invites qualified female scholars to apply. The University has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports its employees in balancing work and family life. The University is particularly committed to the professional participation of disabled employees and therefore welcomes applications from persons with disabilities. In the case of equivalent qualifications, applications from disabled persons will be given preference. In order for the University to be able to protect the interests of the applicant, information about a disability or equal status should be included in the application.

Please address your application in German or English including the usual documents ([applicant profile](#), a research and a teaching concept related to the professorship, curriculum vitae, certificates, list of publications, list of the conducted teaching courses including the respective target groups) to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Andrea D. Bühmann, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 3, 37073 Göttingen, and send in one PDF file to bewerbungen@sowi.uni-goettingen.de by January 13, 2025.

For further information please contact the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (dekanat@sowi.uni-goettingen.de).

The submission of the application constitutes consent under the data protection law and allows us to process your application data. For more details on the legal basis and data use, please refer to the information sheet on the [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#).

Please note that only the German version of this job announcement is legally binding.