

The University of Göttingen invites applications for a permanent professorship with civil servant status (grade W3 NBesO) effective at the earliest possible date:

W3 Professorship in interdisciplinary criminological research (f/m/d)

The post-holder will also take over the position of

the Director of the Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony (KFN)

The Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony (KFN) is one of the leading criminological research institutes in Europe that conducts national and international interdisciplinary application-oriented and basic research on a broad spectrum of criminological topics. It is an independent research institute that has the legal form of a registered association and is funded by the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony. The KFN strives the inclusion in the Leibniz Association during the next years. For this reason, we are looking for a person to assume the directorship as well as the responsibility for the strategic development of the KFN. The holder of the position will be expected to be willing and able to transfer the KFN into and establish it in the Leibniz Association. He or she will be further expected to cooperate with the University of Göttingen.

We are looking for a team-oriented and committed leadership personality from the fields of law, psychology, sociology or a related field with an outstanding scientific record, who

- has a proven extensive management experience over several years and proven leadership skills in a scientific context,
- is experienced in application-oriented and basic empirical criminological research and its methodology and recognised in a broad range of topics,
- has successfully acquired competitive third-party funding,
- has strong international visibility, proven by publications in international scientific journals,
- is experienced in interdisciplinary cooperation,
- is experienced in and recognised in research networks / associations,
- has experience in the promotion of outstanding early career researchers.

For information about the research foci of the Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony please refer to the following link:

<https://en.kfn.de/research-projects>

After resignation of the current holder of the position in September 2026, the future post-holder will take over the sole management of the KFN following a transitional period of joint management. The appointment will take place in a joint appointment procedure by the Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony and the University of Göttingen Public Law Foundation.

The allocation of the professorship to one of the faculties named below is planned. Applicants are requested to refer to the links below for information regarding the research foci and research profiles of the two faculties:

For the Faculty of Law:

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/659772.html>

For the Faculty of Social Sciences:

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/25843.html>

The teaching load of this professorship amounts to 2 teaching hours per week in one of the two faculties. The University of Göttingen attaches importance to research-oriented teaching. The holder of the position will be expected to take over supervision tasks.

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 they have changed to another university or worked for a minimum of two years in research elsewhere after completion of their doctoral thesis. The University of Göttingen is a Public Law Foundation and thereby entitled to award professorships. Details will be provided upon request.

The KFN and the University stand for an open working environment and value diversity among their employees. Applications from abroad are explicitly welcome. The University of Göttingen and the KFN strive to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are underrepresented and therefore explicitly invite qualified female scholars to apply. The University of Göttingen and the KFN have committed themselves to being family-friendly institutions and support their employees in balancing work and family life. The University and the KFN are particularly committed to the professional participation of disabled employees and therefore welcome applications from persons with disabilities. In the case of equivalent qualifications, applications from disabled persons will be given preference. In order for the University and the KFN to be able to protect the interests of the applicant, information about a disability or equal status should be included in the application. Part-time employment is not possible.

Please address your application including the usual documents to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Andreas Busch, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 3, 37073 Göttingen and send in one PDF file to bewerbungen@sowi.uni-goettingen.de by September 13, 2024.

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.