

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (BTU) brings together cutting-edge research and technology transfer at the international level, engendering an interdisciplinary innovation network and a centre of excellence for science and technology. BTU and its respected partners together form the Lusatia Science Network – an alliance of research institutions joining forces in a bid to develop the strengths of Cottbus-Senftenberg as a science and research hub and to increase its visibility. BTU is shaping the future through innovative research and new approaches to teaching and learning, contributing to the construct surrounding the major subjects of relevance for the future and transformation processes by way of scientific findings and practice-oriented solutions. It bundles its strengths in teaching and research across institutes and faculties in broad strokes spanning four profiles – “Energy Transition and Decarbonisation”, “Health and Life Sciences”, “Global Change and Transformation Processes” and “Artificial Intelligence and Sensor Technology”.

BTU guarantees its students in Cottbus and Senftenberg a challenging education, individual support and the opportunity to learn from and with each other in a spirit of curiosity and openness. Offering an inspiring atmosphere of learning and research and fostering dialogue and democratic cooperation between all, BTU is facilitating innovation and progress in Lusatia with pride in the diversity of its teaching staff and students.

The **Faculty of Human Sciences** is seeking to fill the following post by 1 October 2025:

PROFESSORSHIP (W2) in Health Research Methodology

The professorship is based at the Institute of Health (IfG) at the Senftenberg campus of BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg. IfG (<https://www.b-tu.de/institut-gesundheit>) was founded in 2016 at the Senftenberg campus at a time of structural change in the region, and its objective is to play a leading role in health science research and in the establishment of academic training in health-care professions. We are looking to recruit a person with experience in teaching and research in methodology in health research. We expect the successful candidate to be willing to network with the main fields of research of the Faculty, to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to the job, to assist with efforts to increase professional standards in the health-care occupations, to advance IfG in its development, and to be committed to working with academic autonomy in the role.

We are looking for an individual with a proven national and international track record with theoretical and practical skills in the field, most notably including a basic orientation in research, teaching and professional development towards the requirements of health care and towards research findings in related sciences – namely midwifery, nursing studies, therapy science, social sciences and health-care science. The primary duties in terms of teaching and subject input will be in the midwifery degree course and in other health-care science degree courses at IfG, especially in research methods, scientific papers and in evidence-based research and practice. The remit will also include guidance and advice on methodology for all members of IfG. In the background context of the increasing focus on academic development and professional standards in midwifery and in other health-care professions, the target contributions in research work will be to raise the scientific profile and to encourage the growth of methodology in health research and the establishment of evidence-based approaches in midwifery and in other health-care professions in nursing practice.



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The professorship remit includes the aforementioned subjects in research and teaching in the degree courses at IfG and in other courses of study at BTU as well as teaching duties in the bachelor's and master's degree courses in German and English. A successful candidate with insufficient command of the German language must be prepared to learn German quickly in order to be able to participate in the management of IfG and of the Faculty, to sit on university and non-university committees, and to teach bachelor's degree courses in German.

Requirements profile:

The following qualifications are required of the future professor in this post under section 43 (1) 1 to 4a of the Brandenburg law governing higher education (Brandenburgisches Hochschulgesetz – BbgHG):

- university degree in health-care science, human science, natural sciences or social sciences
- teaching skills
- aptitude for academic and scientific research, normally demonstrated by the quality of a doctorate
- qualification for a senior lecturing post at a university (habilitation) or additional academic achievements considered equivalent

The ideal candidate will also have experience in raising external funding and in carrying out projects funded by third parties, and preferably can demonstrate experience with DFG and EU projects. Research work conducted by the candidate into research methods in health-care settings will have been published in relevant national and international journals. The university teaching experience of the successful candidate will provide an excellent foundation for teaching the subject in this vacant position. The candidate will have the ability to teach at all levels of the curriculum from bachelor's degree to doctorate, to supervise theses, and to develop the next generation of students. The successful candidate will bring knowledge and experience conducive to working with academic autonomy and to raising the profile of the Faculty.

What we offer:

- fair and transparent appointment negotiations
- attractive working conditions in a city offering a high quality of life and situated relatively close to Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig
- location of dynamic growth in research
- assistance with moving to the area in the vicinity of the place of work
- careers advice for trailing spouses and guidance in family relocation
- attractive salary with negotiable incentive on appointment

Further duties are set out in section 44 of the Brandenburg law governing higher education (Brandenburgisches Hochschulgesetz – BbgHG) in conjunction with section 3 of the same law.

The Vice-Dean, Prof. Dr. Christian Kopkow, will be happy to provide you with further information (tel.: +49 (0)3573 / 85 741; email: christian.kopkow@b-tu.de).

The employment requirements and conditions are set out in section 43 (1–4a) and section 45 of the Brandenburg law governing higher education (Brandenburgisches Hochschulgesetz – BbgHG).

BTU is committed to equal opportunities and diversity, striving for a balance of gender in all employee groups and giving priority to people with severe disabilities or equivalent status where there is no difference in suitability and qualifications.

Information about the appointment management process, including the legal basis and the status of ongoing appointment procedures, can be found under the following link: <https://www.b-tu.de/universitaet/karriere/berufungsmanagement>.



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Please send your application along with proof of your qualifications, a table showing your career progression, a list of publications and evidence of your teaching skills by email, all summarised in one PDF file no bigger than 7 MB, by no later than 03.09.2024 to:

email: fakultaet4+bewerbungen@b-tu.de

Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences, postal address: BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg,
Lipezker Str. 47, 03048 Cottbus.

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