

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (BTU) combines top-level research and knowledge transfer at an international level, thereby creating an interdisciplinary innovation network and an excellent hub for science and technology. Together with its renowned partners, BTU forms the Lausitz Science Network, an alliance of research institutions that aim to further develop and increase the visibility of the Cottbus-Senftenberg science hub. Through innovative research and new teaching and learning formats, BTU is shaping the future: It contributes to addressing major future issues and transformation processes with scientific insights and practical solutions. BTU pools its strengths in teaching and research across institutes and faculties in four profile lines: "Energy Transition and Decarbonisation", "Health and Life Sciences", "Global Change and Transformation Processes" and "Artificial Intelligence and Sensor Technology". BTU guarantees its students at the Cottbus and Senftenberg campuses a high-quality education, individual support, and the opportunity to learn from and with each other with curiosity and openness. The university fosters an inspiring atmosphere for learning and research in a dialogical, democratic environment. The diversity of our faculty and students enables innovation and progress in the Lausitz region.

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

PROFESSORSHIP (W2) in Piano and Piano Didactics

with a focus on teaching.

The professorship is affiliated with the Institute of Instrumental and Vocal Pedagogy. As the only higher education institution in Brandenburg offering this specialisation, the institute provides comprehensive musical training for future instrumental and vocal educators, integrating both teaching and research. In close collaboration with music-related institutions in the region, our faculty ensures a high-quality instrumental and vocal education in the "Classical" and "Jazz/Rock/Pop" programmes, complemented by in-depth didactic and disciplinary reflections in music pedagogy, music theory, and musicology.

We are looking for:

A candidate who combines exceptional artistic competence with versatile pedagogical aptitude. The ideal applicant will demonstrate outstanding artistic-pedagogical qualifications through specialisation in areas such as digital media applications, contemporary music performance, improvisation, composition, or inclusive education. Concert activity is also desirable.

The professorship is expected to represent the field of piano in a broad stylistic spectrum and to teach piano didactics with deep expertise and methodological flexibility. This includes the theory and history of piano playing, repertoire studies, and methodology for beginner instruction within the Bachelor's programme in Instrumental and Vocal Pedagogy. The successful candidate should demonstrate openness to all forms of musical expression, ranging from classical interpretation and popular arrangement to experimental improvisation and should have an interest in developing innovative pedagogical approaches.

In addition to teamwork, empathy, and a strong command of the German language, the candidate is expected to actively participate in academic self-governance and contribute to the further development of the degree programme in cooperation with the institute's leadership. Since this is a teaching-focused professorship, the teaching load amounts to 12 teaching hours per week.



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Your Profile:

As a future professor, you fulfil the following requirements according to Section 43 (1) Nos. 1–4a of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG):

- A completed artistic and pedagogical university degree with a major in piano,
- Pedagogical aptitude, demonstrated by several years of teaching experience with children and young people at music schools or in freelance work, as well as experience in higher education teaching,
- Outstanding artistic qualifications, and
- Additional artistic achievements, demonstrated through concert programmes, audio/video recordings, participation in artistic masterclasses or training courses, competition participation, or jury activities.

Your university teaching experience ensures excellent teaching in the advertised field. You should be able to teach at all curricular levels, supervise theses, and mentor students in their academic and artistic development. Your expertise enables you to contribute to academic self-governance and the strategic development of the faculty.

We offer:

- Fair and transparent appointment negotiations,
- Attractive working conditions in a city with a high quality of life, close to Berlin, Dresden, and Leipzig,
- A dynamically developing research environment,
- Support with relocation to the region of your workplace,
- Comprehensive consultation through our Dual Career Service and family support services,
- An attractive salary package with negotiable performance-based compensation.

Further responsibilities are outlined in Section 44 BbgHG in conjunction with Section 3 BbgHG.

For further information, please contact **Prof. Dr. Gregor Fuhrmann** (Tel.: +49 (0)355 / 5818916, E-Mail: gregor.fuhrmann@b-tu.de).

BTU is committed to equal opportunities and diversity and strives for gender balance across all employment groups. In cases of equal qualification, preference will be given to individuals with disabilities or those with equivalent status.

Information on appointment procedures, legal foundations, and the status of ongoing appointment processes can be found at: <https://www.b-tu.de/universitaet/karriere/berufungsmanagement>.

Application Process:

Please send your application with qualification certificates, a tabular overview of your career, a list of publications, and proof of pedagogical suitability in a single PDF file (max. 7 MB) until 18.04.2025 via email to:

E-Mail: 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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