Call for applications

The Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) invites applications for the position of a

**W1 Professorship in Digital Studies (Tenure Track with possibility of advancement to W2)**

The Professorship is funded by the Tenure Track Program of the German Federal Government and the Federal States (Bund-Länder-Programm zur Förderung des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses) and will be located at the European New School of Digital Studies, starting in the winter semester 2022/23.

The appointment as a W1 (junior) professor is initially on a fixed term of three to four years. A contract extension for up to a maximum of six years is contingent on a positive evaluation. The evaluation according to § 46 of the Brandenburg Law on Higher Education (BbgHG) takes place during the third or fourth year of the professorship. The actual timing of the evaluation and thus the duration of the initial contract will be fixed in an agreement prior to the appointment as professor. A subsequent appointment to a tenured professorship at the W2 level is contingent on a final tenure evaluation, which will be initiated at least nine months prior to the termination of the W1 (junior) professorship. The **Statute for the Evaluation of Junior Professors and Tenure Track Professors of the European**
University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) as of 15.07.2020 governs the procedure, and contains the criteria, which form the basis for recruitment.

The European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) is an inter- and transdisciplinary joint academic venture of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (EUV) and the Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan (AMU). It connects a strong background in economics, law, social studies and humanities at Viadrina with excellence in computer science and engineering at AMU. ENS scholars and students focus on understanding and reflexively shaping the interrelationship between European society and digital technologies. The ENS is located at the Collegium Polonicum, a joint German-Polish academic institution which is being maintained by the EUV and the AMU and which aims at cross-border and forward-looking cooperation in research and teaching in the European twin city Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubice.

The professorship is expected to widening the thematic focus of ENS while adding to its core research questions. We invite applicants with a background in cultural sciences, who especially follow a historical, theoretical and/or empirical approach with regard to digital media and cultures.

The ideal candidate:
· holds an outstanding PhD in humanities or cultural sciences;
· has a promising profile in an inter- and transdisciplinary area of Digital Studies, specifically in fields such as History and Archeology of Digital Media, Critical Data / Algorithm / Software Studies or Digital Science & Technology Studies;
· connects her or his research with European cultures, politics and/or societies;
· develops a convincing research and teaching concept which provides ideas of how to further develop the scientific profile of ENS;
· can show a record of university classes or equivalent taught in English.
The ideal candidate should further:
· be interested in cooperation with colleagues from Central and Eastern Europe, and especially with the AMU;
· possess gender and diversity competence in research and teaching.

The professorship is supposed to integrate in the existing programs and modules provided by ENS, for example the BA Cultural and Social Studies specialization on “Digital Society”, the MA Digital Entrepreneurship (MoDE) and the structured graduate program “Digital Transformations in, for and by Europe”. It should also make an important contribution to the planned MA program in Science, Technology, and Society. German language proficiency is not required, however, we expect the successful candidate to be able to constructively participate in meetings held in German within two years after appointment. The university’s language center offers German language courses.

The advertisement specifically addresses researchers in an early stage of their career. Candidates who already fulfil the requirements for a W2/W3 professorship according to § 41 (1) No. 4a BbgHG cannot be considered for this position.

Requirements:
Recruitment requirements result from § 45 BbgHG. The period of full-time (i.e. more than 50%) academic employment in university or in other research organizations should not exceed six years between the date of last examination for the doctorate and the date of this job application. Circumstances under which an extension of this period is possible are stipulated in § 45 (2) BbgHG. Each applicant shall complete the Supplementary Information Form regarding the relevant periods and permissible circumstances for extension of the total time allowed, and add it to the application documents. Applicants who obtained their Doctorate from the European University Viadri- na and/or are employed by the University are also referred to § 1 (4) of the Statute for the Evaluation of Junior Professors and
Tenure Track Professors as of 15.07.2020.

As part of its equality policy, the European University Viadrina aims at significantly increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching. Female applicants are therefore explicitly encouraged to apply and may contact the Equality Officer of the University (www.europa-uni.de/gleichstellung).

The University supports its staff in reconciling work and family life. Further information can be found at www.europa-uni.de/familie.

Disabled candidates will be given preference if they have the same qualifications and suitability for the position. The disability should be referred to in the application letter or at an easily visible position in the CV. It can also be mentioned in a separate note.

We offer you:
· work and life at a lively university with an international profile
· interdisciplinary exchange
· cooperation partners in Central and Eastern Europe
· a family-friendly university

Please submit applications in English language with complete documentation (CV, research and teaching statement, copies of certificates or other proof of qualifications, teaching evaluations etc.), quoting the Ref. No. 1300-22-01, to:

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This is the English translation of the German call for applications. Only the German version is legally binding.