Ukrainian Studies (Full Professor) | Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences

POSITION OVERVIEW

Viadrina seeks to fill a tenured position at the full professor level and with German civil service status with all corresponding benefits. Estimated position salary is currently about € 100.000 per year. A higher salary may sometimes be offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

APPLICATION WINDOW

Open date: November 27, 2025
Final date: January 4, 2026 at 11:59pm (CET). Please apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.
Earliest appointment date: October 1, 2026

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences invites applications for a tenured position at the rank of Full Professor in Ukrainian Studies.

The successful candidate shall focus on Ukrainian studies (19th-21st century) in a transnational and a global context through their teaching, research, and the transfer of knowledge. We are seeking candidates who will develop the field in an internationally visible manner, participate in national and international research collaborations, and contribute to further establishing the Viadrina as a leading center for Ukrainian studies worldwide. The position plays a pivotal role in developing the institutional structures of interdisciplinary research on Eastern Europe and Ukraine at Viadrina, assuming both leadership and management responsibilities.

The successful candidate will be required to have the following qualifications:

- an innovative research profile that aligns with Viadrina's profile
- outstanding expertise in cultural, historical, political or social sciences in the field of Ukrainian studies (19th-21st century with a focus on contemporary questions), indicated by a relevant habilitation or equivalent achievements (e.g. second book)
- a broad publication record in internationally recognized academic outlets
- proven university-level teaching experience
- success in securing competitively awarded third-party research funding
- strong proven leadership, management and social skills
- very good knowledge of Ukrainian and good command of other relevant languages (e.g. Russian or Polish)

Additionally, the following skills are desired:

- experience in participating in interdisciplinary projects and/or study programs
- the ability to prepare research and teaching materials for a general audience and develop innovative ways of presenting academic results.

The successful candidate will teach predominantly in English. Candidates should have or acquire German proficiency at a level sufficient to also teach in German. A good level of Germen proficiency should be acquired within two years of the appointment.

QUALIFICATIONS
Position qualifications reflect the requirements of § 43 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (Brandenburgisches Hochschulgesetz, BbgHG), and include: University degree, pedagogical suitability, strong aptitude for scholarly work, usually demonstrated by the quality of a doctorate (PhD), and additional scholarly achievements, such as a habilitation or equivalent achievements (e.g. a second book), and comprehensive expertise in research management, particularly in areas with high levels of third-party funding or significant personnel responsibility.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Applications should be submitted through the university's online recruitment portal: www.berufungen.europa-uni.de

Please include the following documents with your application:

- Research concept (max. 2 pages)
- Teaching concept (max. 2 pages)
- List of publications
- List of academic teaching experience and teaching evaluations
- List of third-party funded projects

All documents can be submitted via the university's recruitment portal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABOUT EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA
The European University Viadrina is an internationally and interdisciplinarily oriented university located in the twin city of Frankfurt (Oder)–Słubice on both the Polish and German sides of the Oder River. It educates around 4,000 students from all over the world in programs in law, economics, and cultural studies. The university embodies the European idea in its everyday

life, promotes European integration through teaching, research, and knowledge transfer, and – with around 300 academic and 300 non-academic staff – forms a community that places special value on successful communication and cooperation with Eastern Europe.

The European University Viadrina Foundation is actively committed to diversity and equity for all employees. It places particular emphasis on implementing gender equity and inclusion measures and especially encourages qualified female researchers to apply. Further information about the university's special programs and support initiatives can be found at www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote

For further information on the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences please browse our website. For more detailed insights into professorships and application procedures in Germany you may consult our online information and for questions on our recruitment portal you may reach out to Dr. Carina Brunner using the contact details mentioned above. For general details on Ukrainian Studies activities at Viadrina, please refer to the corresponding page.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
This is a W3 professorship under the regulations of the German civil service and conforms to the Brandenburg public service pay scale.

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