

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is one of Germany's leading research universities, addressing the whole range of academic disciplines. A highly dynamic setting enables researchers and students to work across the traditional boundaries of academic subjects and faculties. To create knowledge networks within and beyond the university is Ruhr-Universität Bochum's declared aim.

The Faculty of Geosciences at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum invites applications for the position of a **Junior Professor** (f/m/d) (salary scale W1) with Tenure Track (W2) **for Geography Education** to start on 1 October 2024.

The appointment will be limited for three years. After a positive interim evaluation, the appointment will be extended for another three years, followed by a final evaluation. If the latter is positive, the professorship will be appointed to a W2 position in an appropriately simplified procedure without a new announcement. The guidelines for the tenure procedure at RUB are summarized in the following document: <https://public.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ab/Lists/ab/Attachments/1887/AB-1534.pdf>. The specific criteria for the evaluation of the professorship are available at <https://www.geographie.rub.de/evaluationskriterien.html.de>.

A successfully completed teacher training in the subject of Geography and a completed teacher traineeship are required as well as an excellent scientific qualification in the field of Geography Education, usually proven by a PhD of outstanding quality. Evidence of special suitability for academic teaching is just as much required as the willingness to participate in the self-governing bodies of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and to generally get involved in university processes according to Ruhr-Universität Bochum's mission statement. The candidate has to meet the appointment requirements according to section 36 ff. of North Rhine-Westphalia's Law on Higher Education. For legal requirements, please refer to www.rub.de/appointments.

We expect furthermore:

- strong commitment in teaching;
- readiness to participate in interdisciplinary academic work;
- willingness and ability to attract third-party funded research projects;
- the willingness and ability to generate internationally visible research output;
- the willingness to make an important contribution to the further profile of the Faculty and the Institute of Geography.

The successful candidate will be expected to represent the subject of Geography Education in research as well as teaching. The candidate is expected to focus on empirical research on learning and instruction, and the digitalisation of teaching. Furthermore, a research focus on the field of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and an international orientation of his/her research are desirable. The professor for Geography Education is primarily responsible for teacher training and expected to provide students with the subject-specific expertise for their later work as teachers through theory-based, methodologically diverse and practice-oriented university courses.

The future professor for Geography Education has to hold basic and advanced lectures in German on the didactics of geography for grammar schools and comprehensive schools and contribute to the subject-specific training in the B.A., B.Sc. and M.Ed. degree programs including the supervision of theses.

The future professor for Geography Education is required to cooperate with the Professional School of Education (PSE), other didactics of STEM disciplines, the Alfried Krupp Laboratory for Elementary and High School Students and the RUB's general research on learning and instruction. Through active participation in the Center of Educational Studies and the Graduate School of Educational Studies, the professorship contributes to the further development of didactic research and the promotion of young researchers at RUB. Applicants are expected to be willing to work on the Institute's main focus "Transformation of Metropolitan Regions". The future professor shall engage in transdisciplinary research collaborations with actors beyond academia and assume societal responsibility in knowledge transfer, especially in the Ruhr Region.

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum stands for diversity and equal opportunities. For this reason, we favour a working environment composed of heterogeneous teams, and seek to promote the careers of individuals who are underrepresented in our respective professional areas. The Ruhr-Universität Bochum expressly requests job applications from women. In areas in which they are underrepresented they will be given preference in the case of equivalent qualifications with male candidates. Applications from individuals with disabilities are most welcome.

Application materials including a cover letter, CV detailing academic qualifications and awards, lists of publications and third-party funding, copies of academic certificates, and a research and teaching statement, should be sent in a single pdf file by E-Mail to the Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences, Prof. Dr. Matthias Kiese (geodekanat@rub.de), **not later than 20 January 2024**. In addition, we kindly ask applicants to submit a self-disclosure form available under <https://www.geos.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sites/default/files/media/file/Self-Disclosure-Form-Applicants.xlsx>.

Further information about the Institute can be found at <https://www.geographie.rub.de> and the Geosciences Faculty at www.geos.rub.de.

Please contact Prof. Dr Benjamin Bechtel (direktor-geographie@rub.de) for further questions on the position.

Information on data collection during the application process can be found under: <https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/information-collection-personal-data-application-process>.