

The University of Innsbruck invites applications for the position of a

**University Professor
of
Process Engineering and Biotechnology**

at the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy.

It is a position in accordance with § 98 of the Austrian Universities' Act (Universitätsgesetz - UG) and will be based on a civil-law employment contract with the University on the basis of the Salaried Employees Act (Angestelltengesetz). The contract is permanent, with full-time employment (100%).

Responsibilities

Representation of the field "Process Engineering and Biotechnology" in research and teaching. The research focus should lie in experimental process engineering for biotechnology with a pharmaceutical context, but in any case be oriented toward industrially relevant topics. Possible research topics include, for example, "biotechnological processes" or the field of "biologicals" in a process engineering context.

Close collaboration with the research units "Chemical and Materials Engineering" and "Pharmaceutical Biology" is expected.

In teaching, the field of "Chemical Engineering Sciences" with a focus on "Process Engineering Unit Operations" and "Biotechnology" has to be covered within the relevant study programs of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Active participation in academic self-governance and in working groups at the institute and faculty level is another essential component of this professorship.

Employment requirements include

- a) A completed domestic or equivalent foreign university education appropriate to the position;
- b) Relevant teaching qualification (habilitation) or equivalent achievements;
- c) Relevant publications in leading international peer-reviewed journals, ideally complemented by a patent portfolio;
- d) Evidence of independently conducted, relevant teaching experience, ideally in the areas of "Process Engineering Unit Operations" and "Biotechnology";
- e) Evidence of successful acquisition and management of significant competitive third-party funded projects, particularly those involving industrial cooperation; alternatively, comparable achievements in senior project responsibility in industry;
- f) Evidence of integration in international research;
- g) Strong didactic skills;
- h) Leadership qualification;
- i) The ability to teach courses in German and English, or alternatively the willingness to acquire the missing language to the required extent for university duties (at least level B2 within 2 years).

A desirable addition would be relevant international experience, as well as demonstrated expertise in methods of the process engineering chain and in scaling.

Your application must have arrived by

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at Universität Innsbruck Fakultäten Servicestelle Standort Innrain 52f, A-6020 Innsbruck (fss-innrain52f@uibk.ac.at).

The University of Innsbruck is committed to increasing the proportion of women in academic positions, particularly in leadership roles, and explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Where qualifications are equal, preference will be given to female candidates.

In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, professors are classified under remuneration group A1. The base salary for a full-time professorship is €6,604.30, paid 14 times per year. Depending on qualification and experience a higher salary and facilities may be negotiated with the Rector. The university also offers attractive additional benefits (<http://www.uibk.ac.at/universitaet/zusatzleistungen/>).

Application documents must include:

- a CV detailing academic and professional background;
- a list of academic publications, lectures, and other scholarly work and projects, including third-party funded projects with specification of the applicant's own contribution, the type of funding acquisition (competitive/non-competitive), and role in the application process;
- a description of completed, ongoing, and planned research;
- a teaching statement;
- and the five most relevant publications (full text).

Please submit all documents digitally, preferably as PDF attachments by email.

The full, authoritative text in German (published in the official bulletin of the University of 07.01.2026) and up-to-date information on the state of the opening can be found at <https://www.uibk.ac.at/de/fakultaeten-servicestelle/standorte/innrain52f/berufungen/>

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