

The Department of Education at the University of Innsbruck is seeking to fill a

**University Professorship
in
General Educational Science**

in accordance with paragraph 98 of the Universities Act (UG). The employment contract, governed by private law and based on the Austrian Civil Service Act, will be entered into with the University on a permanent basis. The position is a full-time role (100%).

Responsibilities

The professorship represents General Educational Science in research and teaching. It is dedicated to the description and analysis of processes of education and socialisation, as well as their societal, cultural and social conditions. Its focus encompasses both central theories, terms and concepts of pedagogical thought and institutions of pedagogical practice, including the dynamics of social change to which these are subject. The Chair is well-established in the theoretical and empirical debates of General Education Science and contributes to its further development in research and theory-building. It advocates a conception of General Education Science that takes into account, engages with and relates the diversity of both educational realities and research perspectives.

The Chair also places particular emphasis on the shaping of educational relationships and care relationships. The focus is on the actors in private and public spaces of upbringing, with educational relationships and care relationships in both intra- and extra-familial contexts being analysed from a theoretical-systematic, cultural or historical-comparative perspective. They are also examined empirically with regard to the well-being and opportunities for participation of children, adolescents, and young adults.

In the field of teaching, the Chair is responsible for delivering academically high-level introductions and advanced courses on fundamental issues in educational science across all teaching formats and at all levels (BA, MA, PhD). It is involved in the supervision of all types of academic theses.

The Chair is part of the teaching and research area 'General Educational Science and Historical Educational Research'. Collaboration with other teaching and research areas within the Department of Education, as well as participation in faculty-level and inter-faculty research priorities and doctoral programmes, is expected. Active involvement in academic self-governance, such as in working groups at departmental and faculty level, is another integral part of the duties, including the willingness and ability to take on leadership roles.

Employment requirements

- a. A relevant domestic or equivalent foreign higher education qualification in educational science (PhD)
- b. Relevant teaching qualification (Habilitation in educational science) or an equivalent achievement of a standard comparable to a Habilitation
- c. High-quality publications in relevant, peer-reviewed journals and with renowned specialist publishers
- d. Proven expertise in general educational science in both research and teaching

- e. Networking and collaboration activities with national and international research groups in educational science
- f. Evidence of successful acquisition of competitive external funding and experience in managing externally funded projects
- g. Experience in science communication and knowledge transfer
- h. Excellent teaching skills, experience with various teaching formats and the supervision of final theses, as well as teaching at different levels of study, and experience in supporting early-career researchers
- i. Interpersonal skills, leadership skills, and experience and willingness to participate in university self-governance
- j. Proficiency in German (as a non-native speaker) at C1 level according to the CEFR

Applications must be received by

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at the University of Innsbruck, Faculty Service Centre, Innrain 52f, A-6020 Innsbruck (fss-innrain52f@uibk.ac.at).

The University of Innsbruck is committed to increasing the proportion of women among its academic staff, particularly in leadership roles, and therefore expressly encourages qualified women to apply. Where candidates have equal qualifications, women will be given priority. This position is classified in salary group A1 of the Collective Agreement for University Employees and carries a minimum monthly salary of €6,604.30 (paid 14 times a year). A higher salary, depending on qualifications and experience, and the endowment of the professorship are subject to appointment negotiations. In addition, the University offers numerous attractive benefits (<http://www.uibk.ac.at/universitaet/zusatzleistungen/>).

The application documents must include the following:

- A CV outlining your academic and professional background;
- A list of academic publications, presentations and other academic work and projects, including third-party funding, specifying your own contribution and role in the application process;
- A description of completed, ongoing and planned research;
- a teaching concept and the five most important publications (in full text).

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

Up-to-date information on the status of the process can be found at:

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/de/fakultaeten-servicestelle/standorte/innrain52f/berufungen/>

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