Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself in the scientific landscape and has become an outstanding economic factor and development engine for the region. It has a high level of third-party funding, has won several awards for teaching, and has a service-oriented administration and has received awards for being family-friendly. Around 20,000 students and 3,000 employees work at three locations – Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm – at one of the most beautifully situated academic institutions in Germany.

At the University of Potsdam, in the **Faculty of Health Sciences** — a joint faculty of **the University of Potsdam**, **the Brandenburg Medical School Theodor Fontane,** and the **Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg** — the following position is to be filled at the earliest possible date:

W1 Junior Professorship in Rehabilitation Sciences
(Tenure Track)

The successful candidate should have an outstanding research record in the field of rehabilitation sciences and hold a degree in medicine, psychology, sociology, or a comparable discipline. Research priorities should address health improvement, the restoration of social participation, and the further development of rehabilitation care systems, including the use of innovative digital methods. The research profile should align with existing research activities at the faculty, which center on the theme of "Healthy Aging." Collaboration and networking with other university and non-university research institutions, clinical providers, and rehabilitation service organizations in the state of Brandenburg are desirable.

International visibility and a proven ability to secure competitive third-party funding are required. The appointee will contribute to teaching in the international degree program "Public Health, Exercise and Nutrition" and other planned degree programs, and must be able to represent the field in its full breadth in teaching.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dean's Office of the Faculty (dekanat@fgw-brandenburg.de).

The hiring process is subject to the requirements set forth in Section 47 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG). The appointment procedure is conducted in accordance with Section 42 BbgHG. A further evaluation is carried out in good time before the expiration of the fixed-term junior professorship (including the determination of successful completion of the probationary period according to Section 48 BbgHG). In the event of a positive evaluation, the appointment will transition to a permanent professorship (tenure track) without a renewed appointment procedure. The assessment and assignment to salary group W2 or W3 are governed by Section 18 of the Brandenburg Salary Act and take place following confirmation of successful completion of the probationary period.

The University of Potsdam values diversity and thus pursues the goals of equal opportunities and diversity in accordance with the general principle of equal treatment. One of the UP's strategic goals is to significantly increase the proportion of women in research and teaching. Therefore, the UP expressly invites applications from qualified female scientists. People with a severe disability will be given preference if they are equally qualified. Periods of time taken for parental leave or caregiving are taken into account when assessing applicants' academic careers. The implementation of equality and diversity standards in the respective field of work is expected.

The University of Potsdam offers dual career support and coaching for newly appointed professors.

Please submit your application, with the relevant documentation (statement of research interests, curriculum vitae, copies of academic certificates and diplomas, list of publications, list of courses taught, teaching evaluations, list of third-party funded projects, and the questionnaire – available at https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/verwaltung/division3/stellenausschreibungen/tenure-track-und-juniorprofessuren, by email to ausschreibungen@uni-potsdam.de by July 31, 2026.
Further information is available online at https://www.uni-potsdam.de/berufungen

According to the Civil Servants Act of the State of Brandenburg ("Landesbeamtengesetz"), an inquiry must be made to the Domestic Intelligence Service prior to the completion of the hiring and appointment as a civil servant in the state of Brandenburg. Information on the lawfulness and the procedure is available here.

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