

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 several 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.

The **Faculty of Science, Institute of Chemistry**, at the **University of Potsdam** invites applications for the following position to be filled by as soon as possible:

### **Full Professorship (W 3) for Theoretical Chemistry**

The professor to be appointed (early succession for Prof. Saalfrank) should represent the field of Theoretical Chemistry in research and teaching and align with one (or ideally several) of the following focus areas of the Institute of Chemistry: "Light and Matter", "Molecular and Bio-molecular Chemistry", and "Polymers, Materials and Interfaces".

The successful candidate will have a research profile with international visibility through publications in high-ranking journals and successful acquisition of third-party funding.

The professor is expected to complement and strengthen the existing research activities at the university, in particular within the framework of the CRC 1636 "Elementary Processes of Light-Driven Reactions at Nanoscale Metals".

We expect a willingness for collaboration within the Institute of Chemistry, with the neighboring institutes of the Faculty of Science, and with the research institutes and universities in Berlin and Brandenburg as well as active participation in other large third-party funded projects and coordinated programs.

The future holder of the post is expected to contribute to teaching activities in the Chemistry and Chemistry Education programs (German-taught B.Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed.; English-taught M.Sc.) as well as in Chemistry as a minor subject. Applicants whose native language is not German are expected to acquire the language skills necessary for successful communication with students and staff within two years.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Nora Kulak ([nora.kulak@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:nora.kulak@uni-potsdam.de)) or Prof. Dr. Ilko Bald ([ilko.bald@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:ilko.bald@uni-potsdam.de)).

The hiring process is subject to the requirements set forth in Section 43 subsection 1 sentence 1 no. 1 – 3 and no. 4 letters a and c of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG). The appointment procedure is conducted in accordance with Section 42 BbgHG.

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, via email to [ausschreibungen@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:ausschreibungen@uni-potsdam.de) by December 31, 2025. 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](#).

**Publication**

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