



Job Announcement

The University of Potsdam was founded in 1991 and has firmly established itself within the scientific landscape and developed into an outstanding economic factor and growth engine for the region. The University of Potsdam excels in acquiring third-party funds, has received multiple teaching awards, has a very service-oriented administration, and has been honored several times for its family-friendly culture. About 22,000 students and 3,000 employees study and work at three campuses – Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm – at one of Germany's most scenic institutions of higher education.

The **Faculty of Human Sciences, Education Department, Professorship Theories of Education and Socialisation** at the **University of Potsdam** invites applications for the position limited until October 31th 2028, which will be filled **as soon as possible**:

Academic Staff Member (w/m/d) ID no. 301/2026

The successful candidate will work 30 hours per week (75 %). The position is classified within remuneration group 13 of the collective wage agreement among the German states (TV-L). The fixed term of employment is in accordance with Section 2 subsection 1 of the German Act on Limited Scientific Contracts (*Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz* or WissZeitVG). If necessary, an extension is possible if personal and collective wage agreement requirements are met.

Your Field of Work:

We are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity to join our groundbreaking research project, Grant 101077749 - EmergEd: The Emergence of Global Non-Governmental Spaces in Education. This project focuses on exploring the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the global turn in education. By investigating the dynamics and impact of NGOs in shaping educational practices, policies, and perspectives worldwide, EmergEd aims to contribute to the understanding of this emerging field.

We are seeking a highly motivated and dedicated Doctoral Candidate to join our interdisciplinary team of researchers. As a Doctoral Candidate, you will work closely with the Principal Investigator and project team members to conduct empirical research, collect and analyze data, and contribute to the overall objectives of the EmergEd project.

The Scope of Your Responsibilities:

- Collaborate in the collection of data with techniques including interviews, surveys, documents, social media and other internet data
- Conduct empirical analyses related to NGOs transnational influences in education
- Develop and implement methodological techniques (e.g., Social Network Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Discourse Analysis)
- Contribute to the creation of papers and presentations
- Collaborate with team members to ensure the smooth progress of the project
- Participate in team meetings and discussions to share findings and insights

Further scientific qualification is possible (doctorate). At least one-third of working hours is available for in-depth scientific work.

Your Qualifications:

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, educational science, sociology, psychology, computer science, or a related discipline
- Strong research skills and experience in quantitative research methods
- Interest in or familiarity with the project's subject area (i.e., NGOs in the education sector)
- Knowledge in a subject area relevant to the chair (e.g., socialization, sustainable development, social networks, digital education or computational social science)
- Excellent organizational and analytical abilities
- Very good knowledge of written and spoken English

We are also looking for the following competences:

- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team environment
- Attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines
- Motivation to learn and apply new research methods
- Knowledge of social network analysis or natural language processing is an advantage
- Proficiency in relevant data analysis software (e.g., R, Gephi) and Python is a plus

What We Offer:

As a university, we combine the developmental strength of a teaching and research institution with the attractive working conditions of the public sector. The University of Potsdam is a reliable employer that supports its employees with a variety of offers and benefits:

- Develop yourself and your professional as well as interdisciplinary competencies in various continuing education and networking opportunities offered by the University of Potsdam.
- All locations have good transport connections. They can receive a monthly subsidy for the public transport job ticket and use campus bicycles.
- Benefit from a company pension plan, a special annual payment and asset-building services.
- Take advantage of the diverse offers from occupational health management as well as university sports.
- To improve work-life balance, the University of Potsdam offers its employees flexible working hours and proportional home office hours. You have 30 vacation days per year and are also exempt from work on December 24 and 31.

You can find more information about working at the University of Potsdam at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/arbeiten-an-der-up/employer-up/overview>

For more information about this position, please contact Prof. Dr. Nina Kolleck by email: nina.kolleck@uni-potsdam.de

Your Application

Please send us your application **by the deadline of February 14, 2026** and provide the **ID no. 301/2026**, preferably by email to iris.schwarz@uni-potsdam.de

The University of Potsdam values the diversity of its community and pursues the goals of equal opportunity regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, and sexual orientation and identity. Applications from abroad and from persons with an immigrant background are expressly encouraged. The university strives for a balanced gender

ratio in all employment groups; in areas where women are underrepresented, women are given preference in case of equal suitability (Section 7 paragraph 4 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act). People with disabilities are given preferential consideration in cases of equal qualifications. In aptitude tests and selection interviews, individual disadvantage compensations are granted that are appropriate to their disability. If a person with a disability would like to make use of individual disadvantage compensation, please state this in the application letter.

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