



Public job advertisement

Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself in the academic landscape and has developed into an outstanding economic factor and development driver for the region. The University has a high level of third-party funding, has won several teaching awards, has a service-oriented administration and has been recognised as a family-friendly employer. Around 22,000 students and 3,000 employees work at three locations - Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm - at one of the most beautifully situated academic campuses in Germany.

At the **University of Potsdam, Faculty of Sciences/Institute of Geosciences, Chair of General Geology**, the following position is to be filled for a limited period of 3 years, if possible **from 1 September 2026**:

Academic Staff Member (f/m/d) ID no. 313/2026

The working time comprises 40 hours per week (100 %). The classification is in accordance with pay group 13 of the pay scale for the TV-Länder. The fixed-term contract is in accordance with § 2 para. 1 of the German Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (WissZeitVG). There is the possibility of an extension of up to three years if the personal and collective agreement requirements are met.

Your work area:

The General Geology working group at the Institute of Geosciences, which currently consists of three permanent and nine temporary scientific staff and three technical staff, is responsible for teaching in the fields of general geosciences, structural geology, tectonics and Earth surface processes in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in Geosciences. The research activities of the group combine studies of tectonics, climate and surface processes on different time scales with the overall aim of gaining a better understanding of these complex interacting processes that shape our planet and our habitat. Our laboratory facilities include a full range of low-temperature thermochronological methods as well as GIS resources, a 3D laboratory and a graphics laboratory. The working language of the research group is English.

Your responsibilities include:

- Independent research in the fields of surface processes, landscape development, active tectonics and/or tectonics & structural geology
- Preparing research proposals and scientific publications
- Teaching: Organising and delivering the practical classes in the Introductory Geosciences module; supervision of mapping courses, organisation of exercises and field schools
- Assistance in the organisation of courses, especially for the Introduction to Geosciences, and in the general organisation of the working group

There is the possibility of further academic qualification (Habilitation). At least one third of the respective working time is available for personal research work.

The teaching load is based on the applicable requirements of the Teaching Obligation Ordinance (LehrVV) of the State of Brandenburg and the bandwidth regulation adopted by the

Senate of the University of Potsdam. This position is assigned to the group of academic staff with qualification opportunities.

You meet the following requirements:

- Master and PhD (at least successfully defended at the time of application) in geosciences, preferably in the fields of geomorphology, tectonics or structural geology
- Proven experience in independent research and publications
- The ability to teach in German (at Bachelor level) is a requirement
- Experience in and affinity for academic teaching at Bachelor's and Master's level
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multicultural team, and to communicate in English

Our offer to you:

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 wide range of offers and benefits:

- Develop yourself and your professional and interdisciplinary skills in various training and networking programmes offered by the University of Potsdam.
- All locations offer good transport connections. You can receive a monthly subsidy for your public transport job ticket and use campus bicycles.
- Benefit from a company pension scheme, a special annual payment and capital-forming benefits.
- Take advantage of the wide range of services offered by the company health management programme and the university sports centre.
- To improve work-life balance, the University of Potsdam offers its employees flexible working hours and pro rata mobile working (e.g., working from home). You have 30 days of holiday per year and are also exempt from work on 24 December and 31 December.

Further information about the University of Potsdam as an employer can be found at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/arbeiten-an-der-up/arbeitgeberin/uebersicht>

For further information on the advertised position, please contact Prof. van der Beek by e-mail: vanderbeek@uni-potsdam.de or telephone: 0331 / 977 - 5808.

Your application:

Send your application **by April 30, 2026**, quoting the **reference number 313/2026**, and including a CV, teaching and research statement, and the names of two references, by e-mail to Prof. Peter van der Beek at vanderbeek@uni-potsdam.de.

If you have completed higher education qualifications outside the EU, please submit the German translation and [the assessment of the Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#). Alternatively, please send us a PDF extract from the database for the [recognition and assessment of foreign educational certificates \(ANABIN\)](#).

The University of Potsdam values the diversity of its members and pursues the goals of equal opportunities regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity. Applications from abroad and from people with a migration background are expressly encouraged. The University strives for a balanced gender ratio in all employment groups; in areas where women are underrepresented, women are favoured if equally qualified (Section 7 (4) BbgHG). People with disabilities are given preferential consideration if equally qualified. In aptitude tests and selection interviews, individual compensation for disadvantages is granted that is appropriate to their disability. If a

person with a disability wishes to make use of individual compensation for disadvantages, please state this in the letter of application.

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