



## Job Announcement

Young, modern, and research-oriented... the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself within the scientific landscape since its founding in 1991. Nationally and internationally renowned scientists teach and perform research here at Brandenburg's largest university. The University of Potsdam is successful in acquiring third-party funds, delivers outstanding performance in technology and knowledge transfer, and has a very service-oriented administration. With about 22,000 students studying at three campuses – Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm – the University of Potsdam is a prominent economic factor and engine of development for the region. The University of Potsdam has a total of over 3,000 faculty and staff members and is located in one of Germany's most scenic areas.

In association with the **DFG-Research Training Group “Natural Hazards and Risks in a Changing World” (NatRiskChange, GRK 2043)** and the **Alexander-von-Humboldt-Professorship “Analysis of Hydrological Systems”**, the **University of Potsdam** now offers the following position to be filled as soon as possible:

### **Academic Staff Member (Postdoc Position) Requisition No.: 327/2022**

The salary is determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L 13). The position is for 40 hours per week (100% of a full-time contract). This is a temporary position limited to March 31, 2024 in accordance with Section 2 subsection 1 of the Fixed-Term Employment Contracts in Science and Research Act (WissZeitVG). If applicable, there is the possibility of an extension if the personal and tariff requirements are met. The successful candidate will be based at the Institute of Environmental Science and Geography at University of Potsdam.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The Postdoc is expected to fulfill the following tasks:

- Establishment and coordination of the new „Potsdam Research Hub on Water, Environment and Society“ at the Institute of Environmental Science and Geography; including community building activities, development of a Hub website and communication with researchers, decision makers and the general public on the topic of water
- Scientific coordination of the Research Training Group “Natural Hazards and Risks in a Changing World” (NatRiskChange), including the organization of the qualification program with task forces on recent extreme events, mentoring of PhD-candidates, reporting, public outreach (using e.g. website, Twitter) and communication with all partners, the funder (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG) as well as the administration
- Preparation of scientific lectures, workshops and international conferences
- Conducting own research on water-related extremes

We are seeking applications from highly motivated individuals with a strong interest in research coordination and project management. Very good opportunities will be offered to network and present research at conferences and workshops.

#### **Qualifications:**

Preferred are postdoctoral scientists with a PhD and master's degree in water-related topics. Interests in water-related and societally relevant research questions as well as the willing-

ness to work in an interdisciplinary team are essential. Fluency in German and English (speaking and writing), as well as good communication and coordination skills are expected. First experiences and successes with scientific coordination are an asset.

We offer you varied and challenging tasks in a dynamic team as well as attractive working conditions. Find out more about the wide range of offers and benefits for our employees on the internet at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/arbeiten-an-der-up/>. For further insights into the University of Potsdam, please visit our homepage at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/>. For further information please contact Prof. Annegret Thieken (Speaker of NatRisk-Change, [thieken@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:thieken@uni-potsdam.de)) or Prof. Thorsten Wagener (Speaker Water Hub [wagener1@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:wagener1@uni-potsdam.de)).

Under the laws of the federal state of Brandenburg, employees under this contract are permitted to dedicate at least 33% of their contract time to their own academic qualification.

The University of Potsdam aims to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore invites qualified female applicants to apply. 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 or identity. In the case of equal suitability, women within the meaning of Section 7 (4) BbgHG (Brandenburg Higher Education Act) and people with severe disabilities will be given preferential consideration. Applications from abroad and from persons with a migration background are expressly welcome.

Applications should include the following components: CV, letter of motivation, a list of publications, PhD and master certificates including a transcript of records, two letters of recommendation as well as English and German language certificates. If you do not have language certificates, please indicate your knowledge and ability to communicate in English/German with the help of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Applications should only be submitted in one single pdf file (max. 10 MB) to Prof. Annegret Thieken ([thieken@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:thieken@uni-potsdam.de)). Deadline for applications is May 15, 2022.

Potsdam, April 26, 2022