

TENURE-TRACK FOR FINANCE – MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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1. General

The Department for Corporate Finance has been an essential part of research and teaching at the Johannes Kepler University Linz for decades. This includes high-quality and practice-oriented teaching in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degree programs as well as in postgraduate training. Research focuses primarily on issues relating to the financing of family businesses and companies in emerging markets, financial issues related to corporate social responsibility, banking, and financial issues in mergers & acquisitions. The latter research area will be expanded and strengthened by filling a tenure track position.

2. Research

Mergers and acquisitions are among the most important instruments for the growth and development of companies. In today's dynamic and highly interconnected (financial) markets, volumes and the number of M&A deals have been increasing for years. Their practical relevance, but also their complexity, holds a great deal of scientific questions. The department's research up to now has focused in particular on issues such as enterprise value, success factors of mergers & acquisitions and the special features of M&A in family businesses and emerging markets.

The candidate should be a highly qualified junior researcher in finance with a focus on mergers & acquisitions. His or her mission is to identify and answer questions in this field of research and to make them visible to the scientific community as well as business practice.

The successful candidate should have the following research qualifications:

- Doctorate/Ph.D. in Business Administration with focus on Corporate Finance (passed with distinction; completed no longer than 2 years ago (with the exception of parental leave))
- Excellent publication activity with several publications on mergers & acquisitions, ideally also on other research foci of the department; any scientific and/or academic prizes/awards
- Presentations at international conferences
- Willingness to raise third-party funds desired

3. Teaching

Competences in corporate finance are essential for young business economists. For this reason, as a department offering many courses, we aim for a high-quality, inspiring and practice-oriented teaching that fosters critical thinking, respects students and promotes them individually. Courses offered by the department can be found at all academic levels (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate programs as well as in postgraduate teaching). They do not only concentrate on the core studies, namely the Bachelor's degree in Business & Economics, the Master's degree in Finance & Accounting and the Doctorate degree in Social Sciences, Economics & Business, but also on related fields of study, e.g. the Master's degree in General Management.

The position includes teaching obligations equivalent to 4 academic hours per semester. The vast majority of these courses are taught in German, and otherwise taught in English. The range of tasks also includes the supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses as well as academic examination activities. Further development of teaching practice is desirable.

The successful candidate should have the following teaching qualifications:

- Considerable teaching experience in German and English in Bachelor's and Master's courses.
- Considerable experience in the co-supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses as well as in academic examination.
- Enthusiasm for excellent and practice-oriented teaching

4. Additional Requirements

The successful candidate should have the following additional qualifications:

- Excellent command of German and English languages (spoken and written)
- Several years of practical professional experience
- Experience in academic project work (e.g. book projects, conference organisation) and university development (e.g. part of university or conference committees)
- High ability to work under pressure, high personal responsibility and efficient time management
- High social competence

5. Tenure (Qualification) Agreement

The position will be initially limited to a period of 6 years. Job holders will be offered a tenure agreement if the academic performance suggests that the required high qualification can be reached. If the requirements of the agreement are met, employment will be continued for an indefinite period as a tenured Associate Professor (according to § 99 Sec 5 and 6 of the Austrian University Act). Promotion to Full Professorship is possible in a simplified procedure (following § 99, Sec 4, Austrian University Act).