

PROFESSORSHIP FOR HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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1. The Johannes Kepler University Linz (Austria)

The Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU Linz, <http://www.jku.at>) is a young European university with an expert and accomplished focus on the academic areas of social and economic sciences, law, natural sciences and engineering. The studies of Human Medicine were added in 2014. During its fifty year history, the university has achieved a national and international standing with its manifold achievements in research and teaching. The JKU is a campus-style university located north of the city of Linz. The unique campus environment provides close proximity between all disciplines. Interdisciplinary collaboration, innovative base-knowledge research, and close ties to local businesses and the business community have helped to establish its principal direction. By upholding principles of unity in research and teaching as well as fostering advanced methods of knowledge transfer, the JKU Linz generates and provides services for the greater good of society, the business community, fine arts and culture. Core target groups include students, the scientific community as well as organizations representing private and public life.

As the largest institution of research and education in Upper Austria, and thus as a knowledge transfer center, the university contributes to the continual support and development of Upper Austria as a dynamic economic region. The JKU is also actively involved in competence centers, and has developed spin-off programs that support the establishment of new companies. The JKU's mission statement defines and outlines the university's basic principles for future development and its strategic concept.

A special feature of the university is the campus-style layout and easy access to all four faculties

- Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics & Business
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Engineering & Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine

on 350,000 m² of land located in a northern section in the city of Linz.

2. The Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics & Business

The Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics & Business is comprised of 34 institutes divided into the following departments that are actively involved in both base-knowledge and application-oriented research:

- Business Administration and Business Informatics
- Economics and Applied Statistics
- Social Studies and Humanities (Sociology, Politics and Social Policy, History, Philosophy and Knowledge Theory)
- Education and Psychology

See: <http://www.sowi.jku.at> for detailed information.

3. The Academic Area of “Education and Psychology”

The academic area of Education and Psychology is comprised of the following departments: Department of Work, Organizational and Media Psychology, Department of Social Psychology, Human Resource Development and Adult Education, Department of Economic Psychology, Department of Business and Vocational Education, Department of Educational Research, and the Department of Robopsychology.

4. General Requirements for the Professorship for “Health Psychology”

4.1. Research

In the field of research, the successful candidate will be expected to conduct internationally visible research in Health Psychology, focusing strongly on research fields in technology and/or economics while also incorporating real-world practices and applying both quantitative empirical research methods and open science approaches, in particular.

In addition, the JKU welcomes active involvement as part of an international research unit and taking part in international academic/scientific conferences, symposia, etc.

The candidate’s application regarding his/her qualifications in research will be considered under the following criteria:

- Post-doctorate degree/habilitation (*venia docendi*) in Psychology (or a comparable, internationally recognized post-doctorate qualification).
- Publications in the field of Health Sciences and Technology and/or Health Sciences and Economy; published mainly in high-quality, subject-related international journals
- The quality of academic/scientific presentations in the field of Health Sciences and Technology and/or Health Sciences and Economy
- The quality of planned and executed research projects in the field of Health Sciences and Technology and/or Health Sciences and Economy
- Proof of having successfully acquired research projects for funding organizations in Austria or abroad and/or companies
- Methodological expertise
- Media literacy

4.2. Teaching

The successful candidate will be expected to hold university-level courses in health psychology as well as in his/her area of expertise and actively take part in the Master’s degree program in Psychology (focus: Technology and Economy). Due to the program’s international nature, the successful candidate will be expected to teach courses and hold presentations in English.

The candidate's application regarding his/her qualifications for the position will be considered under the following criteria:

- Didactic skills and abilities (innovative educational methods, e-learning, etc.)
- Experience in holding university-level courses (submit a list of previously held courses, course evaluation results and, if available, any participation in university-level didactic continuing education courses and/or programs)
- Experience in supervising student academic work such as Master's/Diploma degree theses and doctoral dissertations (submit a list of supervised theses and dissertations)

4.3. Additional Requirements

The successful candidate is expected to be willing to cooperate with research institutions in Austria and abroad as well as with external organizations. Collaborative efforts should aim to result in acquiring external funding. Desired, but not required, is offering post-graduate continual education in the field of "Health Psychology" as well as the professional capability to convey research findings to the public.

The successful candidate will be able to professionally manage a research group. In addition, he/she will be willing to independently manage academic administrative tasks and actively take part in university committees (usually in German) as part of academic self-administration. In order to ensure that the organizational unit is successfully managed, in addition to key professional qualifications and management experience, the successful candidate should possess a strong professional and personal social skill set.

The candidate's application regarding his/her qualifications for the position will be considered under the following criteria:

- List of previous research collaborations with partners at other universities in Austria and/or abroad.
- Proof of qualifications and ability to manage an organizational unit, research projects, etc.
- Proof of qualifications and ability to lead cooperatively, in human resource development and the advancement of women as well as participation in Gender Mainstreaming projects.

4.4. Activities – Significance and Time Span

A balance between research, teaching and independent administrative tasks is desired; approximately 40% teaching, 40% research, and 20% for the completion of department administrative tasks and responsibilities. The successful candidate is also expected to actively and independently participate in administrative committees at the university.

5. Legal Contingencies

Effective as of January 1, 2004, the structure of Austrian universities has been completely re-organized. They are independently financed on the basis of a three-year service level agreement with the Austrian government, have a global budget at their disposal, and are not subject to any directives by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.

5.1. Terms of Employment

All terms of employment, including a university professorship, are subject to the Private Sector Employees Act. A work contract between the university and the appointed professor confirms the professor's appointment. The Salaried Employees Act and the collective agreement for university employees provide the legal framework for all related labor, social, and pension conditions. An evaluation of all teaching and research activities will be conducted after a 5-year period to assess the fulfillment of all target agreements.

5.2. Pension Regulations

5.2.1. Pension

A pension account at the Pension Insurance Company for Employees (PVA) provides the basis to calculate the amount of pension. All pension account holders are registered for annual partial credits during insurance periods in the amount of 1.78% of the annual contribution basis and these are capped at the maximum assessment basis. The sum of the partial credits is the total credits that are re-valued annually. The total credit divided by 14 equals the amount of gross monthly pension. For more information about the pension you receive directly from the state, please contact the PVA.

5.2.2. Company Pension Fund for University Professors

In compliance with the Universities Act 2002, a special pension scheme is provided for university professors and has been agreed upon in a Collective Agreement. The contribution payment made by the university is 10% for the set minimum salary as stated in the collective agreement. Voluntary salary payments agreed upon aside from the collective agreement minimum salary are not a part of the base calculation of the contribution payments.

6. Salary

The amount of the minimum salary for Group A 1 (Professorship) has been determined in the collective agreement for university employees and is a gross annual salary of 71,822.80 Euros per year (last update: 2019). Payment is allocated in 14 equal amounts, whereby two parts are special allocated payments

The position as Professor for “*Health Psychology*” provides a provision (on a voluntary basis) to agree on a salary over the minimum salary set by the collective agreement.

After a positive evaluation every six years – 4 times in total – there will be an advance to the next pay grade in accordance to the salary bracket in collective agreement for job category A1.

7. Application

Prospective applicants for the professorship position “*Health Psychology*” are requested to send the following application and requested documentation in electronic form to: application@jku.at. If documents cannot be sent in electronic format, they are to be sent in quintuplet copy and should arrive at the Rector’s office no later than one week after the end of the application deadline

7.1. General Information

- Application Form
- Letter of Intent (1 page)
- Tabular Curriculum Vitae
- Academic diplomas (Doctorate, Post-Doctorate [Habilitation])

7.2. Research

- *Publication list*
- *3 to 5 published journal articles*
- Research concept for the next 5 years
- List of previous research projects

7.3. Teaching

- List of previously held courses
- Course evaluation results
- List of previously supervised theses/dissertations

8. Additional Information

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