

# **PROFESSORSHIP FOR PUBLIC ECONOMICS**



# **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 m<sup>2</sup> 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 “Economics and Applied Statistics”

The academic area of Economics and Applied Statistics at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics & Business is represented by the Institute of Economics and the Institute of Applied Statistics. The Institute of Economics is currently undergoing a transition towards a more American-style departmental system. Some department (chair) positions have already been dissolved and integrated into the overall institute and only 3 departments (labor economics, health economics and economic policy) remain. In addition, 6 tenure-track economists have recently been employed. These economists are not assigned to any one particular department.

The new professorship position for Public Economics has already been integrated into the department. There are currently two institute employees who specialize in finance. In addition, there are a large number of economists who are highly knowledgeable in the area of applied microeconomics. Faculty members and employees at the institute are very partnership-oriented, cooperating to a high degree with other departments and institute, even beyond departments.

In addition, the institute is home to a Christian Doppler Laboratory focused on the topic of "Aging, Health and the Labor Market". The CD Lab is financed by the Christian-Doppler Society, together with company and industrial partners ([www.cdecon.jku.at/](http://www.cdecon.jku.at/)).

The Institute of Economics is involved in various areas of education as part of all majors offered by the Faculty of Social Science, Economics & Business. The main area is Business Administration and the Bachelor's degree program in Business & Economics includes a specialization in economics. The Master's degree program "Economics" is offered entirely in English; the new Master's degree program "Economic and Business Analytics" is a combination of quantitative economics and business studies, with a special focus on data analysis and applied microeconomics. In addition, the faculty offers a structured, English-language PhD program in Economics together with the University of Innsbruck.

See the Institute of Economics homepage at: <http://www.econ.jku.at>

## 4. General Requirements for the Professorship for “Public Economics (Finance)”

### 4.1. Research

In accordance with Johannes Kepler University Linz’ development plan, the successful candidate should play a key role in conducting research at the Institute for Economics and cooperate closely with other institute members.

He/she should have an excellent track record in finance; a strong focus on applied theory or empiricism would be an advantage.

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

- Post-doctorate degree/habilitation (*venia docendi*) in “Economics” (or a comparable, internationally recognized post-doctorate qualification)
- Publications
  - Quality and quantity of available publications in renowned, high-quality international journals
  - Reference to previous research in finance
- Academic and scientific lectures and presentations.
- Experience at universities and research facilities in Austria and/or abroad.
- Active participation and/or management of research projects or research groups.
- Planned research projects in the research area outlined above.

### 4.2. Teaching

The successful candidate is expected to be committed to education in the field of economics and actively take part in the Bachelor's degree program in Business Administration (which also includes economics students), the Master's degree programs "Economics" and "Economic and Business Analytics", as well as the PhD program held in cooperation with the University of Innsbruck. The successful candidate will bring in new ideas and be a driving force to improve core education in the Economics program, particularly finance courses. The candidate will also take part or take over general courses in the Economics program.

As a guideline, the successful candidate will teach courses of eight hours per week, per semester. In addition to teaching, the successful candidate is expected to supervise Bachelor's and Master's theses as well as doctoral dissertations and take part in thesis/dissertation seminars for students. Desired, but not required, is a willingness to cooperate with international universities to foster student exchange.

Due to the international character of the programs, the successful candidate is expected to hold university-level classes in both German and English. If the candidate has little or no proficiency in German, he/she should learn German within a reasonable amount of time.

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

- The ability to teach courses in the field of Economics, particularly Finance.
- Experience supervising Bachelor/Master's theses and doctoral dissertations.
- Evaluation results in the field of teaching.
- Activities as an instructor at universities and/or other institutions in the tertiary educational sector in Austria and/or abroad.
- Develop and actively take part in post-graduate educational programs.

### **4.3. Additional Requirements**

Research conducted at a high-quality, internationally-oriented standard is of great importance. The Institute of Economics aims to establish itself as an internationally renowned research institution. To this end, the successful candidate should foster research collaboration with partners at other universities in Austria and abroad as well as spearhead or take part in externally funded (Austrian or EU programs) national and/or international research projects.

The successful candidate is expected to be a driving force behind employee research activities at the Institute of Economics, whereby the ability to conduct collaborative research is a pre-requisite. In addition, the position also requires completing administrative tasks, such organizing and planning educational aspects and examination, as well as actively taking part in university committees.

The successful candidate is expected to be on-site and reside locally.

In support of the university's *Plan for the Advancement of Women*, the successful candidate should have experience in human resource management and programs for the advancement of women as well as have actively taken part in gender mainstreaming projects and relevant selection criteria. Please include any available supporting documentation.

### **4.4. Activities – Significance and Time Span**

Overall, greater importance should be attached to the area of research rather than to teaching. The workload distribution is approximately 40% teaching, 50% research, and 10% for the completion of department administrative tasks and responsibilities.

## **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 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 “Public Economics” 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 “*Public Economics*” are requested to send the following application and requested documentation in electronic form to: [application@jku.at](mailto: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)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic diplomas (Doctorate, Post-Doctorate [Habilitation])
- List of held university-level courses and course evaluations

The following information should be included in the application documents; i.e. as part of the curriculum vitae

### **7.2. Research**

- Publication list featuring five publications you consider to be most important
- Presentation/lecture list as an “invited speaker”, conference speaker and other presentations
- Experience at universities and/or research facilities in Austria and/or abroad (name of institution, type of activities, duration).
- Active participation and/or management of research projects and/or research groups in the past five years (function, project volume, contracting employer or funding authority/sponsor).
- Previous research collaborations with partners at universities in Austria and/or abroad.

### **7.3. Miscellaneous**

- List of supervised Diploma degree theses and dissertations from the past five years.

- Experience in human resource development and programs for the advancement of women as well as participating in gender mainstreaming projects.

## 8. Information

If you have any questions, please contact Univ. Prof. Dr. Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (+43 732 2468 7366, [Rudolf.Winterebmer@jku.at](mailto:Rudolf.Winterebmer@jku.at)).