

The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) invites applications for the position of

President

to be filled by October 1, 2026 (salary grade W 3 with functional performance pay).

The KU is the only Catholic University in the German-speaking countries and the largest non-state German University recognized by the state with eight faculties on two campuses. It is supported by a church foundation under public law and is committed to the freedom of research and teaching as well as to the Christian view of human life and values. Sustainability is one of the KU's profile-building cross-sectional tasks.

The KU stands for excellent research, innovative teaching and practice-oriented transfer. It has been a member of the German Research Foundation (DFG) since 2023. The approximately five thousand students appreciate the excellent study conditions at the KU and identify with their University to an above-average extent. An important goal of the KU is to intensify collaboration with other stakeholders in the academic and scientific landscape in Germany and abroad.

The KU is seeking a strong leader with proven leadership skills and experience in research and teaching, organizational skills and an understanding of university policy decision-making processes. Persuasiveness, the ability to integrate and strategic thinking are just as important as a strong ability and willingness to communicate both internally and externally.

The President must be a professor, honorary professor or adjunct professor and a member of the Catholic Church. The duties and legal status of the President are derived from the Charter of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) and the KU Constitution.

The President is elected by an election committee consisting of the University Council and representatives of the Senate and the Foundation and appointed by the Chairperson of the Foundation Council. She/he is appointed as a temporary civil servant or employed on a fixed-term contract under private law. The term of office is five years; re-election is possible twice.

Explicit reference is made to the election statutes.

The KU is committed to increasing the percentage of women in management positions and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. Candidates with severe disabilities who are equally suitable to other applicants will be prioritized.

The current President intends to reapply.

Please send detailed applications with the usual supporting documents, also in electronic form, to the Chairperson of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, Luitpoldstraße 10, 85072 Eichstätt, Germany (stiftungsvorstand@ku.de) by January 12, 2026. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the chairwoman of the election committee, Ms. Barbara Loos (barbara.loos@ku.de). You can find the basic principles for the election procedure at the KU at www.ku.de/praesidentenwahl.

Please note the KU privacy policy for the application process. By submitting your application, you confirm that you have taken note of the data protection information and the privacy policy.

