



The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) is a non-state university under church leadership and officially recognized by the Free State of Bavaria. It is committed to strong research and excellent teaching and combines first-class study conditions with an international focus. Eight faculties offer a wide range of subjects for around 5,000 students. The University employs 900 people of different faiths and beliefs. Grounded in the Christian view of human life, the KU aims to create an academic and educational culture of responsibility.

The Faculty of Social Work (FH) invites applications for the

Professorship of Social Work - Methods of Social Work (W2)

to be filled by October 1, 2026.

The KU is committed to increasing the percentage of women in research and teaching and therefore explicitly encourages female researchers to apply.

Your responsibilities

You will represent the methods of social work in research and teaching with a focus on caring for people at risk. You are expected to have professional expertise, especially in social work issues related to the profession and discipline, as well as experience in the area of empirical research in social work, as evidence-based social work is a high priority at the Faculty.

You generally teach 18 course hours per semester in accordance with the applicable relevant provisions, provide high quality and innovative teaching and assist in the supervision of students in the practical internship semester. You teach in the Bachelor's and Master's programs in "Social Work" as well as the Bachelor's degree program for working professionals in "Nursing Science" and actively contribute to the further development of the study programs. You will also contribute to the University's scientific profile by planning and conducting application-oriented research and will be involved in the KU's Third Mission Strategy.

Assuming responsibility in the academic self-administration of the University is just as much a prerequisite as the willingness to cooperate with other subjects, higher education institutions and non-university partners. Furthermore, we expect active commitment as part of the community both within the University and beyond.

Your profile

The requirements for employment are based on Art. 57 (3) Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (*BayHIG*) and include, in addition to the general requirements of the position, at least a completed university degree in social work (*Diplom*/Master's degree), an educational suitability, the special aptitude for scientific work, which is usually demonstrated by the quality of a doctorate in one of the following topics of social work:

- Youth Work / Youth Social Work / Extracurricular Youth Education
- Caring for People at Risk
- Health / Old Age / Disability
- Intercultural / International Social Work and
- Parenting Advice / Family Counseling.

Proven teaching skills, didactic skills, experience in the field of digitally supported forms of teaching and learning (proven e.g. through positive teaching evaluations, university didactics certificates or teaching awards) are expected.

Furthermore, you must provide proof of special achievements in the application or development of scientific knowledge and methods acquired through at least five years of practical professional experience after graduation, of which at least three years must have been gained outside the university sector. In special cases, proof of professional practice outside the university sector may be provided by the fact that a substantial part of the professional activity was carried out in close collaboration between the higher educational sector and non-university professional practice over a period of at least five years.

We also expect participation in application-oriented research projects in the field of social work. Experience when it comes to acquiring peer-reviewed third-party funding is desirable. The ability and willingness to teach courses both in German and English is expected. The candidate is expected to acquire good German language proficiency within the first two years of their appointment. In addition, the successful candidate is desired to have established close national and preferably also international networks with other higher education institutions and/or partners outside the university sector, provide proof of relevant publications in peer-reviewed journals/books or with renowned publishing houses, and demonstrate interdisciplinary qualifications (e.g. leadership skills, role model function, participation in interdisciplinary qualification and networking offers, high level of social skills etc.).

The KU pursues a policy of intensive student mentoring and therefore expects its teaching staff to spend an appropriate amount of time on campus. When appointed as a civil servant, the successful candidate must not be older than 52 years of age at the time of appointment.

We offer a broad range of internal and external professional development and continuing education opportunities and welfare benefits in the public service.

Your application

Please send your application with the usual supporting documents by e-mail to the Dean's office of the Faculty of Social Work, dekanat-sw@ku.de, by July 27, 2025 (please combine all documents in one PDF file). All submitted application documents will be destroyed in accordance with data protection regulations after the hiring process has been completed.

Please note the KU's privacy policy for the application process. Corresponding information can be downloaded from the KU website at <https://www.ku.de/en/the-ku/job-offers>. By submitting your application, you confirm that you have taken note of the data protection information and the privacy policy.

All employees are obliged to acknowledge the nature and mission of the KU as stipulated in its Mission Statement and Foundation Charter. The University is therefore interested in receiving applications with relevant information in this regard. Other than that, there are no denominational requirements for employment at the KU. The Charter of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, which supports the University, is available for download from the website of the KU in German with an English translation at [www.ku.de/ The-ku/traeger-stiftung/](http://www.ku.de/The-ku/traeger-stiftung/).

The KU is committed to promoting equal opportunities, and aims to ensure that its members are able to balance work and family life. Candidates with severe disabilities who are equally suitable to other applicants will be prioritized.