



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 Languages and Literatures invites applications for the

W2 Professorship of American Studies (with tenure track to W3)

to be filled by the earliest possible starting date. If the requirements under civil service law are met, the appointment shall be made in a temporary civil service relationship, otherwise in a private-law employment relationship according to grade W2. The civil service or employment relationship is initially limited to five years. In the event of a successful tenure evaluation, the tenure track professor will be offered a tenured civil servant position, combined with the transfer to a W3 professorship position.

Tenure track calls at the KU are aimed at researchers in their early career phase. This means that there is particular focus on the academic and personal development potential of applicants. The KU is committed to increasing the percentage of women in research and teaching therefore explicitly encourages female researchers to apply.

Your responsibilities

The holder of the professorship should represent North American literary and cultural studies in its entire spectrum in research and teaching and contribute to the academic profile of the University through excellent research achievements in the form of (international) publications and peer-reviewed third-party funding. By initiating new and supporting ongoing research collaborations, you strengthen the academic profile of the faculty and University. The willingness to participate in the Research Training Group "Practicing Place" funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) is expected. In the degree programs involving American Studies (Interdisciplinary BA/MA, teaching program *LehramtPlus*), you offer high-quality and innovative teaching, especially in the teacher training programs that prepare students for the Bavarian state examination. In addition, you will participate in other teaching tasks of the faculty and be responsible for the coordination and further development of degree programs involving American Studies. In addition, you will be involved in the University's Third Mission strategy, cooperate with other subjects and universities as well as with non-university partners. Likewise, the successful candidate is required to assume responsibility in academic self-administration.

Your profile

As the holder of the professorship, you have in-depth research expertise with international visibility, as evidenced by relevant publications in peer-reviewed journals/books or with renowned publishers. The desired focus of your research includes newer interdisciplinary directions in American Studies such as *Environmental Humanities* or *Digital Humanities*, with which you will strengthen and expand the existing profile of the subject. You have been successful in acquiring peer-reviewed third-party funding and are closely networked nationally and internationally with other universities and/or non-university partners and research institutions. Your proven teaching skills, diverse teaching experience and didactic skills are evidenced by positive teaching evaluations, university teaching methodology certificates or teaching awards, for example. Your excellent German and English language skills enable you to teach courses in German and English. Your interdisciplinary qualifications also include leadership skills, a role model function, participation in interdisciplinary qualification and networking

opportunities and a high level of social skills.

The requirements for employment are based on Art. 57 Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (*BayHIG*) and include, in addition to the general requirements of the position, at least a completed university degree in American studies or American literary and cultural studies, an educational suitability, the special aptitude for scientific work, which is usually demonstrated by the quality of a doctorate in American studies, as well as additional independent scientific achievements. These can be demonstrated by a habilitation, a junior professorship or through equivalent scientific achievements, which can also be achieved outside the university sector. Managing a junior research group constitutes an equivalent scientific achievement under the conditions specified in Art. 98 para. 10 s. 5 BayHIG. In addition, since this is a tenure track professorship, a perspective assessment of the applicant's expected scientific accomplishments may be included in the consideration of the hiring requirement of the additional scientific achievements. The successful applicant must be no older than 52 years of age at the time of appointment. The KU pursues a policy of intensive student mentoring and therefore expects its teaching staff to spend an appropriate amount of time on campus.

Our offer

In accordance with the guiding principles of excellence, international profile and individual development, the KU Tenure Track Model offers attractive framework conditions for strengthening independent research at an early stage, international networking as well as personal development as an academic leader. Further information is available at [Tenure track: Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt \(ku.de\)](https://www.ku.de/en/tenure-track).

Your application

Please send your application with the usual supporting documents (including research and teaching concept) by e-mail to the dean's office dekanat-slf@ku.de by May 5, 2024 (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/](https://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.