

The **University of Passau** owes its strong visibility and good repute to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 11,000 students and more than 1,300 staff study and work on our University campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Teacher Education Centre** at the University of Passau invites applications for the position of

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

**starting 1 March 2025.** This is a full-time position, based on a fixed-term contract **until 31 January 2028.**

The position is part of the EU Horizon project 'TaCT-FoRSED – Tackling Conspiracy Theories by Fostering Resilience and Political Self-Efficacy in Democracies'. The research project aims to develop open educational resources (OER) based on the pedagogical framework of game-based learning. It is theoretically positioned at the intersection of political media education and democracy education.

#### **Duties and responsibilities**

- Develop, test and evaluate OER making use of game-based learning in the field of democracy education
- Develop a Community of Practice of European teachers to work together on OER
- Foster connections within the EU project TaCT-FoRSED and participate in project partners' work packages
- Support the Teacher Education Centre's Teaching Innovation Department in its work and collaborate on the Teacher Education Centre's OER projects
- In terms of content, collaborate with the Chair of Political Science (Professor Oliver Hidalgo) and the Chair of the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany and Political Education (Professor Inken Heldt)

#### **Person specification**

- Candidates must have a very good university master's degree (or equivalent), e.g. in political education, educational science, psychology; or a German teacher education qualification (*Lehramt*) for 'Gymnasium' secondary schools (1st or 2nd state examination); furthermore, a German teacher education qualification (*Lehramt*) for the other school types is admissible if the 2nd state examination has been passed. In the case of teacher education qualifications, a focus on political science is preferred.
- Ideally, candidates should have a doctorate
- Knowledge in the field of game-based learning
- Knowledge in the development of open educational resources

- Experience in designing teaching and learning processes with digital media
- Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative empirical research methods

### **What we offer you**

- Remuneration in accordance with pay grade E13 of the German public-sector collective agreement TV-L; the salary step depends on your qualifications and experience.
- A rewarding, diverse and challenging academic position on a modern, verdant campus located on the banks of the river Inn, a few minutes' walk from the historic Old Town of Passau.
- A great work climate in a family-friendly environment.

The University of Passau wishes to increase the proportion of its female staff and expressly encourages women to apply for the position. Furthermore, this position is suitable for candidates with disabilities. Registered disabled candidates are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal.

If you have any further questions about this position, please contact Dr Hannes Birnkammerer by e-mail ([hannes.birnkammerer@uni-passau.de](mailto:hannes.birnkammerer@uni-passau.de)).

To apply, please send us your full application, including all supporting documents (such as your curriculum vitae and school, training and work certificates) as **a single** pdf file to [hannes.birnkammerer@uni-passau.de](mailto:hannes.birnkammerer@uni-passau.de) **by no later than 13 December 2024**. E-mailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.

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