

The University of Innsbruck invites applications for the position of

**University Professor
of
Human Geography**

at the Department of Geography at the Faculty of Geo- and Atmospheric Sciences.

This is a position in accordance with § 98 of the Austrian Universities' Act (Universitätsgesetz - UG) and will be based on a civil-law employment contract with the University on the basis of the Salaried Employees Act (Angestelltengesetz). The contract will be concluded for an unlimited period; the extent of employment is 100%.

Responsibilities include

The chair holder is expected to represent the field of "Human Geography", both in research and teaching.

The professorship focuses on social and cultural geography with a particular emphasis on socio-spatial differences and/or (in)justice research. An intersectional, multiscalar, translocal approach is desired to the topic of social change through e.g., digitalisation, technologisation, mobility, migration, population development or social movements. Societally relevant research activities in connection with Third Mission and Responsible Science are desired. In addition, an innovative, inter- and transdisciplinary range of methods is expected with connectivity to the teaching and research activities at the institute.

The person to be appointed should make active contributions to societal-technological-environmental research and to the research areas of the Institute. The candidate should actively participate in one or more of the University's research areas (e.g., 'Economics, Politics & Society', 'Cultural encounters – cultural conflicts', 'Digital Science' or 'Mountain Regions') and/or the corresponding research platforms and centers of the university (e.g. 'Center Interdisciplinary Gender Studies' and 'Global Change - Regional Sustainability'). In addition, cooperation with research partners in the social sciences, humanities, economics and cultural studies faculties, contributions to the 'Network of Areas', as well as support for the university's digitalisation strategy and sustainability initiative is desired.

In teaching, participation in the compulsory modules of the Bachelor's and Master's programs in Geography as well as Geography and Economics (teaching profession), the doctoral program in Geography, and the Innsbruck Doctoral Colleges is expected, including the supervision of theses.

Personal involvement in academic administration and self-governance as well as in the department's and faculty's working groups will form another essential duty.

Employment Requirements include

- a) a degree in higher education in Austria or the equivalent abroad, pertinent to the position;
- b) proven experience in the thematic focus points described in this advertisement;
- c) habilitation or comparable qualification (e.g. senior lecturer, associate professor);
- d) very good publication record in leading international peer-reviewed academic journals;
- e) proven competencies in interdisciplinary and especially transdisciplinary approaches and methods;
- f) evidence of involvement in international research;
- g) proven and comprehensive experience in the acquisition and management of competitive third-party funding;
- h) pronounced teaching skills and high commitment to teaching;
- i) qualification as a leader and/or manager;

- j) professional international mobility;
- k) high social competence, ability to work in a team and collegiality;
- l) the ability to teach courses in German and English and, where appropriate, a willingness to learn German for use in university settings. Knowledge of German is not a prerequisite; however, the holder of the position will be expected to become proficient in German at the level B2 within two years.

Your application must have arrived by

August 29th, 2025

at Universität Innsbruck Fakultäten Servicestelle Standort Innrain 52f, A-6020 Innsbruck (fss-innrain52f@uibk.ac.at).

The University of Innsbruck is committed to increasing the proportion of women in academic positions, particularly in leadership roles, and explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Where qualifications are equal, preference will be given to female candidates.

In line with the Collective Bargaining Agreement professors are in remuneration group A 1, i.e., for a full-term professorship the basic salary is € 6.604,30 Euro (14 times per year). Depending on qualification and experience a higher salary and facilities may be negotiated with the Rector. The university also offers attractive additional benefits (<http://www.uibk.ac.at/universitaet/zusatzleistungen/>).

Your application should include: a curriculum vitae with a description of your scholarly and professional career, and indicating the academic age; a list of scientific publications, lectures and other academic work and projects, including third-party funded projects, indicating the own contribution, the type of funding acquisition (competitive/non-competitive), and the role in the application process; a list of classes taught and theses supervised; a description of intended research (max. 2 pages); a teaching concept (max. 1 page) and the five most important publications with DOI (or as full text in case of non-open access publications).

Please submit all documents digitally, preferably as PDF attachments by email.

The full, authoritative text in German (published in the official bulletin of the University **June 18th, 2025**) and up-to-date information on the state of the opening can be found at <https://www.uibk.ac.at/de/fakultaeten-servicestelle/standorte/innrain52f/berufungen>

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