

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching that is at the cutting edge with a strong focus on digitization, interdisciplinarity, and diversity. The individual and their relationship to society, law, the economy, and the environment, are at the center of this work. With over 10.000 students and approximately 2.000 employees, Trier University is one of the largest employers in the European border region of Trier. Short distances on a green campus, a vibrant academic life, and an open-minded culture offer many opportunities to make a difference.

In Department I at the Trier University (Department of Psychology, Chair of Biological and Clinical Psychology, Prof. Dr. Domes), the following position is to be filled as soon as possible:

Research Assistant (m/f/d)

(E 13 TV-L, 100%, fixed-term position for the purpose of obtaining a qualification (Ph.D. oder Habilitation) in accordance with the WissZeitVG, for a duration of 3 years.)

The Department of Biological and Clinical Psychology is a member of the Institute of Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (ICAN) at the Trier University and conducts research on the neurobiological foundations of human social behavior. The research focuses on the neuroendocrine modulation of social-cognitive processes (emotion recognition, social attention) and the neural basis of psychosocial stress and social interaction. Using imaging techniques, psychophysiological methods, and eye-tracking, we investigate fundamental psychobiological mechanisms in both healthy individuals and patients with social anxiety disorders and social behavioral problems.

We are seeking an early career researcher who demonstrates a strong alignment with one of our stated research priorities and wishes to develop their own research topic.

What We Offer

- Work in a dynamic, dedicated, and interdisciplinary team with many years of experience in psycho-biological research at the intersection with clinical psychology
- An excellent psycho-biological research environment with psychophysiological laboratories (including EEG and fNIRS), modern eye-tracking systems, several virtual reality labs, a biochemical lab, a group lab for conducting game-theoretic interaction studies, and fully equipped behavioral labs
- Access to a state-of-the-art 3T MRI scanner at a partner clinic
- A diverse range of responsibilities with a high degree of independence and personal responsibility
- Participation in the department's other research projects
- Continuing education and professional development through both department-internal events and the university's Graduate Center

Please submit your application, including the standard documents (letter of motivation, research proposal, resumes, copies of transcripts, list of publications, list of courses thought, and the names of two references), by July 10, 2026, in digital form (as a single PDF file) to:

Trier University, Faculty I
Chair of Biological and Clinical Psychology
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Contact for inquiries:
Prof. Dr. Gregor Domes
Chair for Biological and Clinical Psychology
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What We Expect From You

- A university degree with above-average grades in psychology, neuroscience, or a comparable field (Master's, Diplom, or equivalent)
- If you intend to pursue a habilitation, you must also hold a completed doctoral degree in psychology
- Practical experience with key psycho-biological/psychophysiological methods (e.g., EEG, fNIRS, EDA, HRV) and/or imaging techniques (MRI, fNIRS)
- Very good knowledge of statistics (e.g., SPSS, R)
- Ideally, knowledge of programming language (e.g., C#, Python, MATLAB, ...)
- Publication experience in English language academic journals
- Excellent written and spoken English skills
- A high degree of teamwork, commitment, and a sense of responsibility

The hiring requirements are based on Section § 57 Abs. 2 und 3 HochSchG.

Tasks that you can expect

- Pursuing your own academic development
- Designing and conducting psychobiological studies
- Documentation, analysis, and lead authorship of research results in international peer-reviewed journals
- Participation in securing external funding; drafting grant proposals for research funding
- Co-supervision of theses (master's and bachelor's theses) and doctoral candidates
- Teaching responsibilities in psychology degree programs
- Participation in academic self-governance

This position is suitable for part-time work. Trier University is committed to increasing the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply.

People with severe disabilities and those deemed equivalent under Section § 2 Abs. 3 SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if they are suitably qualified (please include proof).

Please submit your application digitally to the address below. For more information on the processing of your personal data, please refer to the privacy notice for application procedures pursuant to Article 13 of the GDPR on our website.

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