

Trier University engages in socially relevant research and teaching at the cutting edge, with a strong focus on digitalization, interdisciplinarity and diversity. The focus of this research is on the relationship between individuals and the social, legal, economic and environmental contexts in which they live. With over 10,000 students and around 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 lively academic life and an open-minded working culture offer many opportunities to achieve meaningful outcomes.

The following position is to be filled in in the Department of Education at Trier University as a permanent civil servant ("Beamtenverhältnis auf Lebenszeit"), starting October 1st, 2026

W3 Professorship of Social pedagogy (Sozialpädagogik) (LBesG) (m/f/d)

If the legal requirements for civil servant status are not met, employment may be possible under a private employment contract. The professorship involves representation of the designated field in both research and teaching.

The successful candidate will have a strong background in theories of social pedagogy and will be expected to represent the full breadth of the discipline in both research and teaching. The professorship will focus on empirical and theoretical research activities, including professional research in the field of social pedagogy. In terms of teaching, the position will take responsibility for the social pedagogy modules of the BA program 'Educational Science: Social and Organizational Education' and the MA program 'Educational Science: Organization of the Social', with a focus on the areas of profession, professionalism and professional cultures in social work. Both degree programs are currently under review and will increasingly address social transformation processes (digitalization, sustainability and diversity) and their consequences for welfare regimes and social work/social pedagogy.

We expect:

- Research achievements in the field of social pedagogy, demonstrated by high-quality publications, as well as relevant teaching experience
- An in-depth research profile in basic and applied research, e.g., in the field of professionalization
- A track record of conducting research projects and acquiring third-party funding in the aforementioned research profile
- Committed participation in educational and interdisciplinary research contexts within and outside the department, as well as participation in the further development of social pedagogy discourse at national and international levels.

Desirable would be a willingness to continue and further develop concepts for research-based teaching of social pedagogical competence development.

Applications are welcome in the form of a single pdf file by October 30th, 2025

Please send your application by e-mail to

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The official duties are defined in § 48 HochSchG. Appointment requirements follow § 49 HochSchG. The ability to offer courses in German is expected. Reference is made to § 50 (5) sentences 5 and 6 HochSchG.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and Trier University promote a mentoring-based academic culture that expects a high presence of teaching staff at the university location. Trier University is committed to increasing the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply. Persons with severe disabilities and those with equivalent status under § 2 (3) SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if equally qualified (please include proof).

Please submit your application documents (1. CV, 2. Copies of academic certificates, 3. List of lectures and publications, 4. List of courses taught [with evaluation results, if available]) by email to dekanfb1@uni-trier.de as a single PDF file to the Dean of Faculty I at Trier University, Prof. Dr. Benedikt Strobel, 54286 Trier by October 30th, 2025.

For more details on the processing of your personal data, please refer to the data protection information for application procedures according to Article 13 GDPR on our website.

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