

The **University of Bremen**, a mid-sized university with 250 professorships and 19,000 students, offers a broad range of disciplines and competes internationally in top-level research. With an ambitious institutional strategy the University was successful in the Initiative for Excellence as one of eleven universities in Germany.

The University will now strengthen research and development by awarding temporary professorships in a number of defined dynamic areas. Provided they prove successful, these areas can subsequently be included in the University's long-term hiring plan. The new professorships will then be converted to tenure-track positions. One of these areas is the main research field of **Colonial and Postcolonial Studies**.

The Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies at the University of Bremen invites applicants for the following positions:

Professorship (W 2) in Postcolonial Literary and Cultural Studies (temporary for five years)

Reference number P 704/13

Applicants should have internationally recognized expertise in *Postcolonial Literary and Cultural Studies* with a specific focus on Black Atlantic Diaspora cultures. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate research with respect to the interaction between the Enlightenment and colonialism. The professorship is meant to address colonialism, slavery, voluntary and forced migration, and the (post)colonial hybridisation and confrontation of cultures. The focus on the Black Atlantic Diaspora will entail research of persisting structural conditions of racism, ethnic othering, and discrimination. Candidates will also be asked to show a willingness and ability to engage in long-term collective research activities which explore aporias of modern Atlantic societies in terms of addressing the legacy of humanism as well as to take part in research on postcolonial practices and epistemic decolonisation.

Professorship (W 2) in Postcolonial Language Studies (temporary for five years)

Reference number P 705/13

Applicants should have internationally recognized expertise in *(Post)Colonial Language Studies* with a specific focus on language contexts shaped by European colonialism. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate language-related research with respect to (post)colonialism in Africa and the Pacific region. The professorship is meant to address the linguistic side of colonialism in at least two areas shaped by European colonial powers, e.g. Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands. Candidates will also be asked to engage in long-term collective research activities on (post)colonial language contact, language evaluation and language politics, with a particular focus on Pidgin and Creole languages and discourse linguistics in the context of migration, diaspora and hybridisation. The professorship is situated in the Bremen research focus "Language in Colonial Contexts" und shall co-develop and represent the research field of (Post)colonial Linguistics internationally.

In addition to the pre-conditions of civil service law, a relevant doctoral dissertation, as well as other pertinent academic achievements of outstanding quality, evidenced, for instance, by a junior professorship, by a post-doctoral thesis or by an equivalent publication record are essential. A further requirement is that the successful candidates can demonstrate their pedagogical suitability by a documented teaching experience. Candidates need to be aware that they will be expected to acquire some fluency in the German language in the early course of their five year tenure.

We expect a readiness to cooperate with other research areas within and outside the University of Bremen. We also expect the applicant's willingness to acquire third-party funds as well as an openness to innovations in teaching methods. Experience with media-supported forms of teaching is desirable as well as the preparedness to consider gender aspects in research and teaching.

The University of Bremen has received several awards for its diversity policies. We strive to increase the number of female researchers and strongly encourage applications from suitably qualified female candidates. International applications and applications of academics with a migration background are explicitly welcome. Disabled persons with the same professional and personal qualifications will be given preference.

For further information please contact the Dean of the Department, Prof. Dr. Norbert Schaffeld.

Please send your application including CV, teaching experience, and a list of publications by 10th October 2013, citing the reference number to:

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