

The University of Koblenz is the youngest university in Germany – while also preserving a long-standing academic tradition. A multitude of transdisciplinary research projects spanning several institutions concentrated on a compact campus favourably affects our university routine. As the interdisciplinary university in the north of Rhineland-Palatinate with more than 9,400 students, we live the knowledge – transformation – innovation triad in our four profile areas “Education”, “Computer Science”, “Culture and its Mediation” as well as “Material and Environment”.

We provide and conduct state-of-the-art teacher-training studies for all school types and maintain the transfer of our research results to civic society and regional businesses in a resilient and sustainable way. Join an aspiring university community and aid in advancing our further growth!

Faculty 2: Art and Humanities offers a permanent



university professorship (W2 per LBesG, conferring with civil-service status) for Islamic Textual Studies (m/f/d)

at the Department for Islamic Theology which is to be filled from as soon as possible.

In the research profile “Culture and its Mediation”, Faculty 2 focuses on communication processes, their forms, potentials and limits in politics, society and culture. The faculty cooperates with the other profile areas of the University of Koblenz and with regional and municipal institutions. The faculty’s cross-departmental focal areas are cultures of mediation, democracy and interpretations of the world (“Deutungen von Welt”).

The Department for Islamic Theology consists of three professorships and their staff. Its task is to establish and develop the university subject Islamic Theology in exchange and collaboration with Faculty 2 and the other faculties and institutions of the University of Koblenz. The main focus is on developing and shaping the range of study programmes for Islamic Theology within the university’s teaching-related programmes, and on enriching the interdisciplinary research conducted in Faculty 2. As an independent partner, the Department for Islamic Theology contributes to the existing collaborations related to cultural studies and, in particular, religion-related research and teaching within the faculty.

The professorship of Islamic Textual Studies, with a main focus on the Quran and Hadith, is responsible for the entire field of Islamic textual studies. In close cooperation with the other two professorships, it plays a key role in advancing the development of the department and its study programmes. It addresses

the research topic of the faculty ‘Culture and its Mediation’, particularly in the areas of interdisciplinarity and diversity. It cooperates with other hermeneutically oriented subjects and professorships at the university, thereby promoting both university research and transfer of knowledge to society. The professorship also places particular emphasis on cooperation with other departments to further advance interreligious and intercultural issues and questions concerning normative foundational texts and their contemporary relevance in society.

Cooperation with the Departments for Protestant and Catholic Theology and other institutes in the faculty is expected in order to develop joint research projects in the field of interpretations of the world (“Deutungen von Welt”).

Key responsibilities:

The position holder will be responsible for representing the subject Islamic Textual Studies in research and teaching.

He/She should have an outstanding track record in Islamic Textual Studies research.

Research is expected to focus on diversity-sensitive Quranic exegesis. Furthermore, a focus on interpretations of the world (“Deutungen von Welt”) will be a plus.

In addition, active engagement in the acquisition of third-party funding will be expected.

The position holder's responsibilities will include actively recruiting and developing young scientists.

The teaching load is currently nine hours per week per semester.

The position holder will be expected to teach in the courses of the subject specific degree programs and the discipline units of the teacher training degree programs

Administering examinations in all degree programs of Islamic Theology is also required.

The willingness to cooperate across and within disciplines and in general is a prerequisite, particularly in the context of the Center of Teacher Education.

It is also expected that the position holder will take on responsibilities in academic self-government.

The position holder will be expected to play a significant role in shaping the institute through her/his own ideas and emphases and actively generate initiatives that contribute to developing teacher training.

Recruitment requirements:

The recruitment requirements of Section 49 of the Higher Education Act (HochSchG) of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, as well as the provisions set out in the state's agreements with the Islamic religious communities, apply. The statute requires a completed higher education, a qualified doctorate in Islamic Theology or related studies, pedagogical aptitude and additional scientific achievements.

Experience in acquiring and managing externally funded projects documented with an overview of past third-party funding activities will be a plus. A research concept must also be presented.

Both good German and good English language skills are required, as courses are offered in both languages.

Special didactic skills and teaching experience are required and must be demonstrated by presenting a teaching concept.

The State of Rhineland-Palatinate and the University of Koblenz advocate a concept of intensive student mentoring and therefore expect a high face-to-face presence at the university.

The University of Koblenz is a place of diversity and welcomes qualified applications by individuals from different backgrounds.

Women with equivalent aptitude, competence and professional performance are given preferential consideration in hiring, to the extent that as long as there is an under-representation. This ceases to apply when an applicant's caliber outweighs the requirement for gender equality. Questions regarding the compatibility of private life and career as well as matters of equal opportunities will be answered by the equal opportunities commissioner of the department Prof. Dr. Angela Kaupp (kaupp@uni-koblenz.de).

Severely disabled applicants with identical qualifications are given preference in hiring.

For further information, please contact Dean Prof. Dr. Stefan Neuhaus (dekanat2@uni-koblenz.de; Tel.: 0261/287-2001).

Applicants are asked to send their documents (curriculum vitae with academic background, certificates, research concept, overview of third-party funding, teaching concept, etc.) only via e-mail in one PDF file to bewerbung@uni-koblenz.de no later than **08.02.2026** marked with the **identification number 155/2025**.

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