

Ph.D. Position (3 years, 75% TV-L) at the University of Würzburg (JMU)

The *Motivation and Emotion in Action (MovE) Lab* (PI: Prof. Dr. Andreas Eder) at the Institute of Psychology, University of Würzburg (JMU), invites applications for a 3-year Ph.D. position. The university is located in northern Bavaria, Germany, and offers a vibrant cultural and academic environment.

The position is funded by a research grant from the German Research Foundation (DFG), awarded to Prof. Andreas Eder. The project “Punishment: From Anticipation to Behavior” investigates the psychological mechanisms underlying behavioral changes after punishment.

The successful candidate will join a research team dedicated to the investigation of motivation, emotion, and aggressive behavior. Responsibilities include the design and implementation of behavioral experiments, data analysis, and the dissemination of findings at international conferences and in peer-reviewed journals. During the funding period, the candidate is expected to work on a doctoral thesis related to motivation and/or emotion. Teaching is optional and not required.

Requirements: Applicants must hold a Master’s degree (or equivalent) in psychology, cognitive neuroscience, or a related field. They should have a high affinity with, and solid skills for, conducting and analyzing behavioral studies involving human participants. Experience with laboratory research is desirable. Proficiency in English (spoken and written) is necessary. Knowledge of German is an asset but not a prerequisite.

Benefits: The successful candidate will join a vibrant, international research group comprising researchers at various career stages. She or he will additionally benefit from a rich interdisciplinary research environment at the Faculty of Human Sciences with an affiliated graduate school. The PhD position is financed for 3 years and payment is according to 75% TV-L (see [online calculator](#)).

Further details about our research group is available at: <https://go.uni-wue.de/movelab>

How to apply: Please send a full CV and a letter of recommendation from an academic (or the names of academics who can be contacted for a reference) in a single PDF file via email to: andreas.eder@uni-wuerzburg.de

Applications via regular mail are also accepted. In that case, please submit only photocopies (no original documents), as we cannot return application materials. Photocopies will be destroyed after the selection process unless a prepaid return envelope is included.

The University of Würzburg is firmly committed to diversity within its community and encourages applications from members of underrepresented groups. We explicitly welcome applications from qualified women. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration if equally qualified.

The deadline for applications is **October 1st 2025**. The position will be available to start as soon as possible.

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