

The Institute of Psychology, Chair of Psychology II (Social Psychology), at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg invites applications for a position in

Academic Research and Teaching

to be filled on 1 October 2026 or at a later date. The position is part-time, comprising 75% of regular working hours, and is fixed term for a period of three years. Remuneration is based on pay of the German public-sector collective agreement for the federal states (TV-L). The position is intended to support academic qualification leading to a doctoral degree.

The Chair investigates fundamental social-cognitive processes of judgment and decision-making and is embedded in national and international research networks. A particular focus is on how people perceive and evaluate social and economic inequality as well as discrimination. Further areas of research include social categorization, attribution, and moral cognition.

We offer a research-oriented, collegial, and respectful working environment, close individual supervision of the doctoral project, and targeted support with publications, conference participation, and methodological and statistical training. In addition, there are numerous opportunities for academic networking within the University and with national and international cooperation partners.

The position involves the following main responsibilities:

- developing and conducting a doctoral research project within the research programme of the Chair
- planning, conducting, and analysing experimental and correlational studies
- statistical modelling of psychological data
- publishing research findings in international academic journals and presenting them at academic conferences
- contributing to teaching in social psychology
- contributing to the Chair's research-related and organisational activities

Applicants are expected to meet the following requirements:

- a very good university degree (Master of Science) in Psychology or a comparable qualification
- very good knowledge of social psychology and psychological research methods
- demonstrated experience in empirical psychological research, particularly through an empirical Master's thesis
- a strong interest in theory-driven basic research in social psychology
- good knowledge of quantitative data-analysis methods and an interest in advanced statistical modelling
- good written and spoken English
- a careful, independent, and collaborative approach to work

Initial experience with experimental laboratory or online studies is desirable, as are knowledge of R and experience in programming psychological studies. Applicants are expected to be willing to familiarise themselves with the theoretical approaches and ongoing empirical work of the Chair and to contribute to their further development.

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg seeks to increase the proportion of women among its academic staff and therefore expressly encourages qualified women to apply. Applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference where their suitability, qualifications, and professional performance are essentially equal.

Please submit your application, including in particular

- a letter of motivation,
- a curriculum vitae,
- degree certificates and transcripts of records, and
- your Master's thesis,

in written form – preferably by email - by **23 August, 2026** to:

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The letter of motivation should focus in particular on your previous research experience and your interest in the research areas outlined above. A fully developed proposal for an independent doctoral project is not required.

Please do not send any original documents; only send photocopies. For cost reasons, application documents cannot be returned. They will be shredded promptly after a hiring decision has been made. If you enclose a postage-paid return envelope, we will return your application documents to you three months after a hiring decision has been made.

