

Saarland University is a campus university with an international focus and a strong research profile. Its four core research areas 'Computer Science', 'BioMed', 'Sustainability' and 'Europe' are defining features of the university. With numerous internationally respected research institutes situated in the vicinity of the university and dedicated support for start-up companies, Saarland University is an ideal environment for research, teaching and innovation. The proportion of international students studying at Saarland University is well above the national average and is testimony to the university's strong international focus. Saarland University has been officially certified as a family-friendly university since 2004.

The Department of Economics in the Faculty of Human and Business Sciences at Saarland University is seeking applications for the following position, commencing winter semester 2026:

W3 Professorship in Business Administration, focusing on Business Informatics for Data-Driven Enterprises

(m/f/x; Reference no.: W2721)

The person appointed to this position will be expected to teach and conduct research across all areas of business informatics, with a particular focus on data-driven enterprises. The successful applicant will have a strong track record of sustained high-quality research as demonstrated through publications in leading international journals and peer-reviewed conference proceedings in the fields of business informatics, information systems, data science or artificial intelligence.

The advertised professorship is aimed at candidates whose research focuses on the use of data-analytic technologies to support business transformation. Possible areas of research include, but are not limited to:

- AI-based automation and optimization of business processes
- IT architectures for data-driven organizations
- Data analytics systems for enhancing business value creation
- Integration of data-driven applications into enterprise information systems

You will also be expected to demonstrate alignment with at least one of the existing research priorities within the Department of Economics (digital transformation, Europe, entrepreneurship, sustainability) and/or the university's strategic research areas (BioMed – Life and Materials, Computer Science, Interdisciplinary European Studies). In addition, you should have a proven track record in acquiring and managing competitive, peer-reviewed externally funded projects in the field of digital technologies or data-driven business research (e.g. DFG, BMFTR, EU, AI initiatives). The professorship may offer opportunities to participate in DFKI. Integration into the Institute for Empirical Economic Research is also possible.

The appointment will be made in accordance with the general provisions of German public sector employment law (see legal recruitment requirements in § 41 Saarländisches Hochschulgesetz, current version available at <https://recht.saarland.de/bssl/document/jlr-HSchulGSLrahmen>).

You will also contribute to teaching the subject across all business-related and economics degree programmes. If appointed, you will be expected to deliver innovative teaching concepts, provide dedicated supervision to students working on their final-year thesis projects, and support and foster junior researchers. You should also be willing to teach in German and English and to actively contribute to training in research methodology for doctoral students. You will also undertake university-related administrative duties commensurate with the position.

Saarland University views internationalization as a process spanning all aspects of university life. We therefore expect members of our professorial staff to promote and foster further internationalization. Special support will be provided for projects that expand collaboration within existing international cooperative networks, e.g. projects with partners in the European University Alliance Transform4Europe (www.transform4europe.eu) or the University of the Greater Region (www.uni-gr.eu).

In accordance with the objectives of its gender equality plan, Saarland University is actively seeking to increase the proportion of women in this field. Qualified women candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. Preferential consideration will be given to applications from disabled candidates of equal eligibility. Furthermore, we welcome applications from all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality, ethnic heritage or social background, religious beliefs, personal beliefs or values, age, sexual orientation or identity.

Please complete the application form in Saarland University's online professorial appointments portal (www.uni-saarland.de/berufungen) and submit it and your application documents by no later than **04 January 2026**. Application documents must be uploaded as a single PDF file (max. size 10 MB) and should include the following documents in the order specified:

- Cover letter (addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Human and Business Sciences Prof. Dr. Axel Mecklinger)
- Curriculum vitae (with your home address, phone number and email address) that includes a summary of your academic teaching and research activities to date
- List of publications
- Details of your previous teaching experience (with teaching appraisals, if available)
- Types and amounts of external funding secured, including details of funding applications currently under review or in preparation; indicate your share in joint awards (secured or pending)
- A two-page paper detailing your teaching concept and a two-page research plan
- Academic credentials, particularly degree certificates
- Your three most significant publications of the last five years
- Proof of disability if you declared a disability in your application
- If you hold a university degree from a non-German university, please provide proof of equivalence from Germany's Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) if available. If you have not yet requested proof of equivalence from ZAB, you must submit proof at a later date if so requested.

When you submit a job application to Saarland University, you will be transmitting personal data. Please refer to our privacy notice for information on how we collect and process personal data in accordance with Art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (www.uni-saarland.de/en/privacy). By submitting your application, you confirm that you have taken note of the information in the Saarland University privacy notice.