



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 Faculty of Human and Business Sciences at Saarland University is inviting applications for the following position in the Department of Psychology to commence on 01 April 2028

## W3 Professorship in Applied Cognitive Psychology

(m/f/x; Reference no.: W2808)

The person appointed to this professorship will conduct teaching and research in cognitive psychology covering both its theoretical foundations and its applications. In the field of applied cognitive psychology, we expect a clear thematic link to computer science (e.g. interactions and collaboration between humans and AI-based systems). The appointee will be expected to teach general psychology (cognition and perception) in the Bachelor's degree programme in Psychology. In the general Master's programme (M.Sc. Psychology), the successful candidate will enhance the existing curriculum by teaching modules in applied cognitive psychology.

You should have an established track record in both research and teaching. We expect you to have an outstanding portfolio of research spanning a broad range of approaches within cognitive psychology, as evidenced by publications in high-impact international journals and/or conference proceedings. You should also have a strong history of obtaining competitively awarded external funding. Experience in the analysis of very large datasets ('big data') is desirable. We expect your research interests to align closely with the units within the Department of Psychology and the wider Faculty – particularly with Research Training Group 2988 'Flexibility and Balance as Characteristics of Adaptive Self-Regulation' – as well as with research in the Department of Computer Science. You must also be willing to establish and/or contribute to (interdisciplinary) collaborative projects. The Department of Psychology is committed to fostering best practices that ensure transparent, robust and replicable research. The ability to teach in German is required.

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>).

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](http://www.transform4europe.eu)) or the University of the Greater Region ([www.uni-gr.eu](http://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.

To apply for this position, please submit your application by no later than **28 May 2026** via Saarland University's online professorial appointments platform: [www.uni-saarland.de/berufungen](http://www.uni-saarland.de/berufungen). Application documents must be uploaded as a single PDF file (max. size 10 MB) and should include the following documents in the order specified:

- Curriculum vitae with full details of your academic education and career;
- complete list of publications; summary of research activities and types and amounts of external funding secured (indicate your share in joint awards);
- list of courses and modules taught; a short selection of teaching evaluations; other evidence of teaching qualifications;
- a two-page research concept, which should include your previous and potential future collaboration with computer science research groups;
- a two-page teaching concept;
- a single-page open science statement;
- your five most important publications.
- Proof of disability if you declared a disability in your application
- If you hold a university degree from a foreign 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](http://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.