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FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK AND CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PROFESSORSHIP IN THE SUBJECT AREA EDUCATION FOCUSING ON SOCIAL PEDAGOGY/SOCIAL WORK

The position is a permanent full-time position.

ABOUT US

Knowledge, action, change: each day, these intrinsically linked values inspire us to meet and tackle the societal and technological challenges of our time. As well as providing the specialists and managers of tomorrow with the interdisciplinary knowledge they will need in their future careers, we seek to advance their problem-solving skills and their awareness of their responsibility in and to the world. With the applied sciences at the heart of all we do, we work hand in hand to create a visionary campus with a positive and enduring effect in Hamburg and the surrounding region.

YOUR ROLE

The subject matter of the professorship is the academic and professional foundations of social education, of education and socialisation processes, and of their specific configuration in various fields of activity, including but not limited to social work; it is therefore to represent these in teaching, research and continuing professional development.

Consideration is to be given to participatory and social education as key processes in various fields of activity across all ages and life stages of the target persons. Moreover, the professorship is to address the growing importance of digital learning and education processes as well as issues with facilitating these processes for target audiences in the relevant fields of activity.

A particular focus is to be placed on considering social inequalities, issues of intersectionality and vulnerable groups in precarious circumstances, giving equal weight to empowerment and the chances of actualisation and thus the extension of rights (social education). Applications and a professionally founded critical discourse are to be given equal attention.

YOUR PROFILE

You will have a (bachelor's and/or master's) degree in education with a focus on social pedagogy/social work or a comparable focus (e.g. adult education) and a relevant qualified doctorate corresponding to the subject area.

Your professional experience will be in the area of social education; educational and/or (re)socialisation contexts and/or participation, inclusion, sustainability, with a focus on or in working with target persons while considering social inequalities, issues of intersectionality and vulnerable groups in precarious circumstances.

You will have done academic work on issues of social education and participatory education and/or (re)socialisation processes.

Existing collaborations with institutions in social work, e.g. in the context of social education, (re)socialisation etc., should be continued, and new collaborations set up. Networking skills at the interfaces between institutions on the one hand and organisations, funding bodies and policymakers on the other are desirable. In this regard, we expect:

- Very good knowledge of the foundations of education and socialisation

- Very good knowledge of social pedagogy/social education and their fields of activity
- Very good knowledge of issues pertaining to inclusion, participation and sustainability
- Specific practical experience in fields of activity in social pedagogy, setting your own priorities
- Evidence of first experience in applying research methods from educational science

The following will also be welcome:

- Basic/good knowledge of didactics in social pedagogy/social education
- Knowledge or experience of digitalisation in the context of education and socialisation
- Experience in planning and carrying out research projects and/or in designing and implement innovative research approaches related to the foci mentioned

For this position, we are looking for a candidate with pedagogical aptitude marked by a skills-oriented, practice-oriented and action-oriented approach to teaching. You should be able to clearly link complex theoretical contents with practical application scenarios, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

You will be skilled in effectively integrating problem-based learning into teaching, able to inspire students to critically reflect on their professional actions and willing to collaborate with colleagues in developing and implementing co-operative teaching methods.

The Faculty of Social Work and Childhood Education attaches great importance to internationalisation and therefore requires that you have a good command of English.

HAW Hamburg is a sustainable university. Thus, the Faculty of Social Work and Childhood Education is also strongly committed to sustainability. It is therefore desirable that you give special weight to the topic of sustainability in the context of social work in your teaching, research and knowledge transfer, and that you address the contribution made to sustainable development by social work and childhood education.

You must be able to work in an international and interdisciplinary environment, to develop new teaching approaches and to enrich teaching through the use of digital technologies. We are looking for someone who can actively contribute to the further development of our faculty and inspire their students to address the global challenges in the fields of social work and childhood education.

INFORMATION

For appointment as a professor, as well as the general staff requirements, the appointment requirements in accordance with Section 15 Para. 1-6 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act (HmbHG) also apply. These can be read on our [website](#).

This includes the willingness to participate in the self-administration committees of the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences as well as a choice of residence in proximity to the university.

The denomination of the vacant post is under the caveat of assessment at appropriate intervals in accordance with Section 12 Para 7 HmbHG.

As well as the basic salary of grade W2 and basic performance benefits, a provision of appointment performance benefits is also possible which can be negotiated with the university president. In addition, there is also the possibility of granting a bonus from third-party funds.

Candidates who have not yet reached the age of 52 at the time of appointment may be appointed as tenured officials, otherwise the employment relationship is that of a standard employee.

HAW Hamburg [Current Status of Selection Processes](#) provides information on the status of all ongoing professorial recruitment procedures.

OUR OFFER

We offer you challenging work in an open-minded, forward-thinking university. You will be integrated into a team who enjoy your participation and are happy to support you in the early stages of your integration. Your workplace is centrally located and has very good public transport links.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences is committed to ensuring teaching excellence. Candidates are asked to enclose all important documents relating to their teaching experience in their application. In addition, they are requested to include a brief curriculum vitae along with the usual application documents. You can find a form online.

The Hamburg University of Applied Sciences is committed to creating a gender-equitable, discrimination-conscious, and diversity-sensitive university culture and work environment. Audited as a "family-friendly university" and certified "Shaping Diversity," we support the compatibility of family and career and actively promote equal opportunities as well as the recognition and appreciation of diversity. Incorporating these values is an important part of our teaching and leadership approach.

We therefore encourage applications from people regardless of their gender identity, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Furthermore, we strongly encourage qualified women to apply.

Notice on routine inquiries pursuant to Section 34a of the Hamburg Security Clearance Act (HmbSÜG): HAW Hamburg will submit an inquiry to the State Office for the Protection of the Constitution for any information held there concerning the person selected in the selection process if the legal requirements for such an inquiry are met ([Information on Routine Inquiries](#) and [Privacy Notice](#)).

Information for severely disabled persons and persons with equivalent status, as well as further information from HAW Hamburg

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