



Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam (UP) has firmly established itself in the scientific landscape and has become an outstanding economic factor and development engine for the region. It has a high level of third-party funding, has won several awards for teaching, and has a service-oriented administration and has received several awards for being family-friendly. Around 22,000 students and 3,000 employees work at three locations - Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm - at one of the most beautifully situated academic institutions in Germany.

The **School of Jewish Theology**, created in 2013 as part of the **Faculty of Arts** at the **University of Potsdam**, invites applications for the following position to be filled by October 1, 2025:

Professorship (W 2) for Hebrew Bible and its Exegesis

The successful candidate will represent the entire field of the Hebrew Bible and its exegesis in both teaching and research. They will place the Bible in the context of its historical, social, religious, and cultural origins, critically engaging with the text while also addressing traditional Jewish reception and interpretation.

The professor's responsibilities include teaching in the various degree programs in Jewish theology (among them an English-language MA) in close collaboration with the language lecturers for Hebrew and Aramaic, as well as the supervision of doctoral dissertations and Habilitation theses (post-doctoral dissertation). Responsibilities also include active participation in the University's self-governing administrative bodies. The professor will cooperate with the departments of Jewish and Religious Studies, Life Orientation-Ethics-Religion (L-E-R), the Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, the Center for Interreligious Theology and Religious Studies (CITRS) and in particular the university-affiliated rabbinical schools (Conservative and Liberal / Reform).

Prerequisites for the appointment are demonstrable teaching qualifications, a published PhD dissertation in the field of Hebrew Bible, and a Habilitation book (or equivalent record of research, which may consist of several substantial publications on topics other than that of the dissertation). Experience acquiring third-party project funding and organizing academic conferences is desirable. Applicants shall be members of a Jewish congregation. Non-native speakers are expected to acquire sufficient skills to function in the German academic environment, including required administrative tasks, over a transition period of two years.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Jonathan Schorsch (jschorsch@uni-potsdam.de).

The hiring process is subject to the requirements set forth in Section 43 subsection 1 sentence 1 no. 1 – 3 and no. 4 letters a and c of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG). The appointment procedure is conducted in accordance with Section 42 BbgHG.

The University of Potsdam values diversity and thus pursues the goals of equal opportunities and diversity in accordance with the general principle of equal treatment. One of the UP's strategic goals is to significantly increase the proportion of women in research and teaching. Therefore, the UP expressly invites applications from qualified female scientists. People with a severe disability will be given preference if they are equally qualified. Periods of time taken for parental leave or caregiving are taken into account when assessing applicants' academic careers. The implementation of equality and diversity standards in the respective field of work is expected.

The University of Potsdam offers [dual career support](#) and coaching for newly appointed professors.

Please submit your application, with the relevant documentation (with a presentation of your research interests, a curriculum vitae, copies of academic certificates and documents, a teaching concept and a draft of a research project, a list of publications, a list of courses taught and a list of externally funded projects), via email (in a single PDF file) to ausschreibungen@uni-potsdam.de by January 09, 2025. Further information is available online at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/arbeiten-an-der-up/appointments/appointment-procedures/application>.

According to the Civil Servants Act of the State of Brandenburg ("Landesbeamtengesetz"), an inquiry must be made to the Domestic Intelligence Service prior to the final hiring and appointment as a civil servant in the State of Brandenburg can take place. Information on the lawfulness and the procedure is available [here](#).

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