



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Human Sciences

Assistant Professorship in General Educational Science (W1 to tenure track W3) (f/m/d)



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The University of Cologne is one of the oldest and largest universities in Germany. With its six Faculties covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and its internationally outstanding research profile areas, it enjoys an excellent reputation for its academic achievements and high standards of undergraduate and graduate education. This also includes teacher training at a high professional level with a systematic reflection of educational processes in society. This call is part of the Tenure Track Programme of the German Federal Government and the Federal States. It addresses researchers at an early career stage.

YOUR TASKS

The candidate should represent general educational science with a focus on anthropology and philosophy of education in research and teaching. Participation in the research activities of the department, including the implementation of externally funded research projects and publications, is expected. Participation in the academic self-administration and in the teaching tasks of the department in school and extracurricular courses is obligatory.

YOUR PROFILE

The applicant should represent general educational science with a focus on anthropology and philosophy of education in research and teaching. In addition to a highly relevant PhD in educational science, research foci in at least two of the subject areas are required: Pedagogical and historical anthropology, philosophy of education, theory of education, theory of science and history of science of education.

OUR OFFER

The University of Cologne provides a stimulating academic environment with a wide range of career development opportunities as well as support services for dual career couples and family-friendly working conditions.

The position is available at the earliest possible date. Formal requirements are detailed in Section 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW).

In the third year after entering into office, an aptitude evaluation is held. This serves as the basis for the decision as to whether an extension for a further three years will be granted to the candidate. At the latest, a tenure evaluation is held in the sixth year after entering into office. On this basis, a decision will be reached as to whether the candidate will be given tenure at W3 level. Both evaluations are carried out according to the Tenure Track Regulations *plus* (TT-Oplus) at the University of Cologne. W1 professorships comprise a teaching load of four hours per week (i.e., two hours per week is one 90-minute course per semester) in the first qualification phase and five hours per week in the second qualification phase. As a rule, W3 professorships comprise a teaching load of nine semester hours per week.

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

Please submit your application (without a photo) via the University of Cologne's Academic Job Portal (<https://professorships.uni-koeln.de>) by 21.11.2025. Your application should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences.



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