



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:

### **Full Professorship (W 3) for Rabbinic Literature and Halacha**

The successful candidate will represent the field of Rabbinics and have specific expertise in the domain of Halacha, employing both traditional and innovative methodologies. The candidate will demonstrate ability to connect the Talmud and Rabbinics with broader Jewish intellectual history and contribute to the interdisciplinary scholarship.

The professor's responsibilities include teaching in the various degree programs in Jewish Theology, among them an English-language MA. Many of the School's students are simultaneously studying for the rabbinate at either the Abraham Geiger College or the Zacharias Frankel College. Responsibilities also include active participation in the University's self-governing administrative bodies. The professor will cooperate with the Jewish Studies and Religious Studies department, Life Orientation-Ethics-Religion (L-E-R) Institute, the Selma Stern Center, and the Center for Interreligious Theology and Religious Studies (CITRS).

Experience acquiring third-party project funding and organizing academic conferences are a plus. Applicants must be members of a Jewish congregation. Non-native speakers are expected to acquire sufficient skills to function in the German academic environment over a transition period of two years.

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