



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

Professorship in Economics (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. The position is based in the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (“WiSo-Faculty”), which is consistently ranked among the top schools in research and teaching.

YOUR TASKS

The professorship is part of the Cluster of Excellence “ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy”, run jointly by the Universities of Cologne and Bonn and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) in the context of the Excellence Strategy. The Cluster provides a dynamic, collaborative, and international research environment for the understanding of markets and public policy, employing innovative research approaches.

The professorship will be based in the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne and the successful candidate contributes to excellent research and teaching at the Cluster and the WiSo-Faculty.

The position offers the opportunity to work with the new Adenauer School of Government at the University of Cologne and we welcome applicants interested in advancing its vibrant research and organizational development.

YOUR PROFILE

We invite applications from exceptional scholars across all fields of economics (including, but not limited to, labour economics, environmental economics, machine learning and AI, political economy, and international economics). Candidates are expected to pursue research at the forefront of the discipline, demonstrate a strong record of outstanding publications, and show a clear commitment to research excellence. The research profile must fit to the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute. The ideal candidate should have substantial international academic experience.

In terms of teaching, the candidate must be able to translate a strong research background into inspiring and high-quality teaching at all levels.

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 from January 2027 or earlier. Formal requirements are detailed in Section 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW). Until the end of 2032, there is a reduced teaching obligation of 50% of the usual teaching load. Afterwards, the teaching load comprises 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 May 8, 2026. Your application should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Science.

It should consist of the following documents (in English language): cover letter, curriculum vitae including a publication list, and teaching evaluations.

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