

## Job Opening

The Institute of Geography of the Faculty of Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Geosciences at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is seeking applications for the position of a

### Junior Professor (m/f) in “Geography of Social Media and Digital Cultures“

(Salary Level W1 with tenure track to a W2 position)

to be appointed in winter semester 2018/19.

The Institute of Geography at Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz comprises the Units of Physical Geography, Human/Cultural Geography, and Geoinformatics. Currently, the Institute offers study programmes leading to a variety of degrees in Geography (B.Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed., M.Sc.) as well as an M.A. with emphasis on Globalisation, Media, and Culture.

The open position is addressed to internationally recognised scientists who have specialised in critical research in the fields of Human Geography, Media and Cultural Studies or Social Sciences with an emphasis on Geography. The appointee shall represent the area of Human Geography, particularly Geography of Social Media and Digital Cultures, in research and teaching at the Institute of Geography in Mainz. At least two of the following expertise areas associated with a defined regional empirical focus are expected: Social Media, Digital Humanities, Media Theory.

We are looking for a scientist with an international research exposure, who has gained relevant scientific experience abroad and built international professional networks. It is equally important that he or she is willing and able to teach in German and English at the Institute of Geography. We explicitly expect the appointee to assume responsibility as co-editor of the series *Media Geography at Mainz* (MGM). He or she should be willing and able to co-operate on an interdisciplinary basis. Experience with third-party funding and innovative teaching methods is desired. Other tasks include participating in the academic self-administration.

The professorship is funded by the Tenure Track program of the German federal and state governments. Early career researchers are therefore addressed in particular. Applicants must meet the general requirements according to public services law and the Higher Education Act of Rhineland-Palatinate (§§ 54, 55 Hochschulgesetz – Higher Education Act). The initial contract will run for three years and will normally be extended for another three years after a successful intermediate evaluation. Accordingly, after a final successful evaluation as junior professor after six years and provided that the general requirements are fulfilled, the candidate will qualify for appointment to a tenured professorship (W2).

The State of Rhineland-Palatinate and Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz are committed to intensive personal mentoring for students and, therefore, expect a strong presence of teaching staff at the University.

Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz aims at increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching, and hence encourages female scientists to apply.

Disabled candidates with adequate qualification will be given priority.

Please submit your application with supporting documents via e-mail by **1<sup>st</sup> May 2018** to the

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