

Hochschule Geisenheim University (HGU) is Germany's first "New Type of University" evaluated by the German Council of Science and Humanities, and has the right to award doctorates. Our bachelor's degree programs provide our students with an excellent scientific foundation and practice-oriented teaching that qualifies them for a successful career. The master's programs are designed to equip students with specialist qualifications based on profile-building, fundamental research with a strong international focus.

Hochschule Geisenheim University is inviting applications for the

Professorship (W2) for Sustainable Pomology (f/m/d)
Reference number: P1-2024

to be filled by the winter semester 2025/26.

In order to strengthen our research focus "sustainable cultivation of special crops" at Hochschule Geisenheim University, we seek to appoint a candidate with excellent qualifications and an internationally recognized research record who will make a significant contribution to improving integrated and organic cultivation of fruit.

The research focus of the professorship can be on the development and implementation of breeding strategies, the further development of measures to optimize innovative plant protection strategies, the improvement of soil resilience, or the integration of biodiversity-enhancing measures in future-oriented cultivation systems.

The professorship currently has access to 13 hectares of experimental field trials, an extensive infrastructure (e.g. modern fruit storage facilities, quality analysis) and very good personnel resources.

The professorship to be filled is closely integrated into an interdisciplinary research environment structure at Hochschule Geisenheim University through close cooperation with various institutes (e.g. Plant Breeding, Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Crop Protection, Ecology, Fresh Produce Logistics and Microbiology and Biochemistry).

The willingness to engage in trans- and interdisciplinary cooperation with national and international partner institutions, active participation in the academic self-administration of the university, as well as participation in national and international committees in research and practice in fruit growing is expected.

In teaching, the professorship represents sustainable fruit growing and related topics in the horticultural Bachelor's and Master's degree courses at Hochschule Geisenheim University with a teaching load of 9 semester hours per week. The person should be able to offer courses in German and English.

Applicants are required to hold a university degree in horticultural sciences, agricultural sciences, or related areas, and have an established scientific record – as demonstrated by a doctoral degree, habilitation or equivalent. Pedagogical aptitude and relevant previous experience in teaching and research are expected.

In addition to practical experience in fruit growing and/or in the integrated and organic cultivation of special crops, good connections in the industry and to national and international associations are desirable for a practice-oriented transfer of knowledge.

Performance requirements and recruitment criteria of the position can be found in Section 67 and 68 of the Hessian Higher Education Act (HessHG, *Hessisches Hochschulgesetz*). The position is permanent. When appointed to a professorship for the first time, the position will initially be limited to a period of three years. Upon positive evaluation, the candidate may be appointed to a permanent position. Civil servant (*Beamte*) status may be possible if the legal requirements are met. Additional requirements and prerequisites can be found in Section 67-69, 75 and 76 HessHG.

Hochschule Geisenheim University acknowledges the value of diversity and strives to increase the diversity of its members. Modern facilities and a cutting-edge research infrastructure offer excellent working conditions in a lively scientific community, embedded in the vibrant research environment of the Rhine-Main region. Hochschule Geisenheim University is an equal opportunity employer and a certified family-friendly university. Therefore, applications from candidates with families are particularly welcome. As the university seeks to increase the proportion of women in teaching and research, female scientists are strongly encouraged to apply. Candidates with disabilities will be given priority in case of equal qualifications (pursuant to Section 2 (2) and 3 SGB IX). Please enclose a copy of your disability card with your application.

For your application, please quote the above-mentioned reference number and summarize the following documents in one pdf file (max. 10 MB): cover letter, CV, certificates, list of publications, details of previous teaching experience, list of raised third-party funding, credentials, short presentation of teaching and research strategy. Please submit your application by 13.09.2024 to Bewerbung@hs-gm.de.

For questions on the appointment procedure, please contact Lisa Keitz (phone: 06722/502) or send an e-mail to academicrecruiting@hs-gm.de. Technical questions should be addressed to Prof. Dr. Heiko Mibus-Schoppe (phone: +49 6722/502-532, e-mail: Heiko.Mibus-Schoppe@hs-gm.de).

Information about the processing of personal data as part of the application process is available at <https://www.hs-geisenheim.de/stellenausschreibungen/> (in German). Alternatively, you may contact us using the contact information above.

Detailed information about Hochschule Geisenheim University can be found at www.hs-geisenheim.de.