

The Philosophische Fakultät at the Universität des Saarlandes invites applications for the position of

Visiting Professor in Irish Studies

for the period 1 October 2024 - 31 March 2025.

Deadline for Applications: 30 April 2024

The Visiting Professor in Irish Studies is a joint initiative of the Government of Ireland, the Irish Embassy in Berlin and the Universität des Saarlandes. It is funded by the Irish Government's Emigrant Support Programme (ESP).

Candidates are expected to be experts in Irish Studies with a particular emphasis on the literature, history and cultures of the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and/or the Irish diaspora. The Visiting Professorship comprises responsibilities in the fields of teaching and research:

- The teaching load will be 6 hours per week for the duration of the winter semester 2024/25. The successful candidate is willing to teach at all curricular levels, to take written and oral exams, to supervise theses, and to further the work of junior academic colleagues.
- The Visiting Professor will present aspects of their research in public lectures at the host university and at other German universities with a substantial Irish Studies component, such as the University of Würzburg, the University of Wuppertal and the University of Tübingen, all of which also participate in the larger project of the "Traveling Visiting Professorship in Irish Studies".
- The Visiting Professor will co-organise one larger academic event (e.g., a lecture series, workshop, symposium, or conference) in cooperation with Irish Studies experts at the Universität des Saarlandes. In this context, the Visiting Professor is encouraged to apply for funding with a research foundation (together with colleagues at the host institution). The academic event co-organised by the Visiting Professor must integrate teaching and research and have a networking effect beyond the host university. It should address topics within the field of Irish Studies which
 - are related to the research interests of the Visiting Professor,
 - are of larger relevance for the national and international Irish Studies research community,
 - appear particularly productive in facilitating an exchange of ideas in the academic environment of the host university.

Requirements for employment include:

- PhD and post-doctoral experience at a university or other research institution
- an outstanding research and publication record in Irish Literary, Cultural and/or Media Studies

- an excellent reputation as an active member in the international Irish Studies community
- a Habilitation / *venia legendi* or equivalent international qualification in the relevant field is desirable
- experience in designing, procuring and directing research projects
- experience in university teaching, and willingness and ability to teach at all curricular levels, to supervise theses, and to further the work of junior academic colleagues

Applications should contain the following documents (in PDF format):

- academic curriculum vitae
- official transcripts and certificates (esp. PhD)
- list of publications
- list of projects supported by third-party funding
- list of courses taught and PhDs supervised
- brief description of current research interests and research plans for the immediate future

In cooperation with the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS), the Visiting Professor will seek to integrate cultural events into their professional activities at the Universität des Saarlandes.

Applications in English or German should be submitted by email (as PDF attachments) to: Prof. Dr. Joachim Frenk (frenk@mx.uni-saarland.de), no later than 30 April 2024.