



Visiting Professorship in Irish Studies



The University of Wuppertal is a dynamic, networked and research-oriented campus university. Collectively, more than 26,000 researchers, academic staff and students face the challenges of society, culture, education, economics, technology and the environment.

The University of Wuppertal invites applications for a professorship in Irish Studies (visiting professorship) for the period 1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026. The position will be based in the School of Humanities.

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

DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- The Visiting Professorship comprises responsibilities in the field of teaching and research:
- The teaching load will be 6 teaching hours per week for the duration of the winter semester 2025/26. The successful candidate is willing to teach at all curricular levels, to take written and oral exams, 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.
- The Visiting Professor will co-organise an academic event (e.g. a lecture series, workshop, or conference) in cooperation with Irish Studies experts at the host institution. 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 should address topics within the field of Irish Studies which
 - o are related to the research interests of the Visiting Professor,
 - o appear particularly productive in facilitating an exchange of ideas in the academic environment of the host university (e.g. at the Center for Narrative Research of the University of Wuppertal).
- In cooperation with the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS) the Visiting Professor will seek to integrate cultural events into his professional activities at the University of Wuppertal.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Completed university degree (master or equivalent) in a field relevant to Irish Studies.
- Special aptitude for academic work, usually demonstrated by the quality of a doctorate, a topic relevant to the advertised position is desirable.
- Further relevant scientific achievements include junior professorships, habilitations, employment as a research assistant at a university or at a non-university research institution and scientific positions in business, in administration or another social field in Germany or abroad.
- Pedagogical aptitude, which is proven by appropriate previous experience or, exceptionally, demonstrated in the appointment procedure.
- An excellent reputation as an active member in the international Irish Studies community,
- Experience in university teaching, and the willingness and ability to teach in the School of Humanities (English and American Studies), to take written and oral exams, and to further the work of junior academic colleagues.

You are able to demonstrate your qualification for the position by enclosing with your application:

- an academic curriculum vitae
- a list of publications
- a list of courses taught
- a list of current research interests and research plans for the immediate future (a brief description of these projects is desirable)

Please also enclose relevant certificates and supporting documents with your application.

At the University of Wuppertal, we appreciate individual and cultural differences of our employees and support gender equality, equal opportunities, reconciliation of family and

Start

01.10.2025 until 31.03.2026

Salary grade

in accordance to W3 LBesG NRW

Reference code

P25003

Contact person

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Applications via

stellenausschreibungen.uni-wuppertal.de

Application deadline

26.05.2025

Formal requirements

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working life. Applications from persons of any gender and persons with disabilities as well as persons with an equivalent status are highly welcome. In accordance with the Gender Equality Act of North Rhine-Westphalia, women will be given preferential consideration unless there are compelling reasons in favour of an applicant who is not female. The same applies to applications from disabled persons, who will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.