



# Job vacancy

## Junior Professor (W1) of GDR History

University of Greifswald, 17 July 2026 | deadline: 28 August 2026

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The Department of History at the University of Greifswald's Faculty of Arts and Humanities is seeking candidates for the earliest possible appointment of a

### **Junior Professor (W1) of GDR History (no tenure track)**

The position is available subject to the approval of the funding body.

Funding for the junior professorship position was acquired in the BMFTR's call for proposals for the funding guideline "Establishment of GDR-Related Research Foci at Universities in Germany". It is part of the international collaborative research project being established under the umbrella of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO), titled "Contact Zone Baltic Sea Region. The GDR and Northern Europe - Transnational Relations in (Post) Socialism", which sees collaboration between the subject areas contemporary history, Scandinavian studies, protestant theology, and clinical psychology.

We are looking for an early-career researcher, who has completed their doctorate, and is able to represent the full scope of research and teaching in the field of GDR history. Candidates are expected to have a research focus in the history of the GDR, documented by relevant publications, and to be recognisably willing to perform interdisciplinary research. Initial experience in the acquisition of external funding is desirable.

The professor will be required to teach classes provided by the Department of History in bachelor's and master's degree courses, as well as teacher training degree courses. The job tasks include contributing towards the establishment of the international key field of research on the GDR, 'Contact Zone Baltic Sea Region. The GDR and Northern Europe - Transnational Relations in (Post) Socialism' at the University of Greifswald.

The University of Greifswald supports and demands family-friendly leadership.

The necessary qualifications are defined in § 62(1) of the *Landeshochschulgesetz* - LHG M-V (State Higher Education Act): a university degree, teaching aptitude and special expertise in academic work which is generally documented by an outstanding doctoral degree. If applicants have worked as a teaching and/or research assistant or as a graduate assistant prior to or after obtaining their doctorate, the times in which they completed their doctorate and in which they were employed may not exceed a total of nine years.

In accordance with § 62(2) LHG M-V, junior professors are appointed for a period of four years as a temporary civil servant. In case of a positive evaluation after the fourth year, the contract is extended for a further two years.

This position on offer is directed at all persons, irrespective of gender. The University would like to increase the proportion of women in areas in which they are underrepresented. Thus, applications from women are particularly welcome and will be treated with priority if they have the same qualifications and as long as there are no clear reasons which make a fellow

applicant more suitable. Women are specifically encouraged to apply for this position. Severely disabled applicants and persons granted equal status under German law with the same professional and personal qualifications will also be given preference.

Unfortunately, application costs (e.g. travel expenses for interviews) will not be reimbursed by the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Annelie Ramsbrock, Department of History ( [annelie.ramsbrock@uni-greifswald.de](mailto:annelie.ramsbrock@uni-greifswald.de)), or the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

The application documents should include a CV, a list of publications, proof of teaching experience, and academic certificates. Furthermore, applicants are asked to submit a teaching concept (max. 2 pages) and a research concept (max. 3 pages) outlining current and/or planned research into the history of the GDR in a transnational context. The application should also be accompanied by up to three published works or works accepted for publication, each with a short explanation of why they have been chosen. The documents are to be sent in electronic form as one PDF file (publications in a separate ZIP file if necessary) **by 28 August 2026**, addressed to:

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