

The University of Passau owes its strong visibility and good reputation to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 11,000 students from 100 countries and more than 1,300 staff study and work on our University campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Chair of Strategic Management, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship** (Professor Andreas König) and the DFG **Research Training Group 2720 "Digital Platform Ecosystems"** (DPE) at the **University of Passau** invite applications for the position of

**Doctoral Researcher  
(Ph.D. Candidate)**

In the area of **organisational transformation in the context of digital platform ecosystems**

to start on **15 October 2025**.

This is a **fully-funded part-time position (75% FTE)** based on a fixed-term contract with a three-year term. Remuneration is in accordance with pay grade E13 of the German public-sector collective agreement, TV-L; the salary step depends on your qualifications and experience.

**What we seek**

- You are a highly motivated postgraduate with an excellent **master's degree in management, strategy, organisation, entrepreneurship or a related field of study**.
- Excellent analytical skills, entry-level experience in quantitative and/or qualitative research methodologies, a strong taste for interdisciplinary science and, most importantly, a **keen interest in pursuing social science on digital platforms and ecosystems, with a specific focus on issues of strategic leadership and executive cognition and communication as well as discontinuous and institutional change (including in the Global South)**.
- Ability to work in a **multi-disciplinary team**, open-mindedness, and the motivation to work on a research project independently and diligently.
- Excellent spoken and **written English language skills**. Knowledge of German is not a requirement.

## What we offer

- The opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree (Dr. rer. pol.) at a **renowned German university** as part of a particularly strong research team whose internationally recognised research activities are at the highest scholarly level (see <https://www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/strategy-innovation/research>; <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=mOc4qqQAAAAJ&hl=de&oi=ao> ).
- Membership in the interdisciplinary **Research Training Group 2720 Digital Platform Ecosystems** (see <https://dpe.uni-passau.de/en> for details and activities) **funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)**.
- **Your own research budget** for conference visits and hiring student employees to assist with research.
- **No formal teaching obligation**, but opportunities to participate in and contribute to the Chair's teaching portfolio.
- A **tailored and structured doctoral programme**; a fully funded research visit abroad, external course programme (summer schools, workshops); co-supervision by international scholars and much more. The research training programme is designed such that students are enabled to complete their doctoral degree within three years.
- You will participate regularly in **international conferences** (funded by the Research Training Group), become integrated into an international research network and contribute to the **scientific discourse on strategic leadership in the context of digital platforms**.
- **Excellent infrastructure including IT equipment** on one of the most beautiful university campuses in Germany.

## How to apply

- Please visit <https://www.dpe.uni-passau.de/en/people/application> for details on the application process.
- Please send your application by **1 July 2025**.
- This position is for **Research Area B.1** under the primary supervision of Professor Andreas König (<https://www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/strategy-innovation>). If you have any further questions, please write to him directly at [andreas.koenig@uni-passau.de](mailto:andreas.koenig@uni-passau.de).

The University of Passau wishes to increase the proportion of its female staff and expressly encourages women to apply for the position.

This position is suitable for candidates with disabilities. Those who are registered disabled are given preference over non-disabled applicants who do not otherwise have statutory preferential status if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are equal.

Emailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.

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