

## FAQ - Lower Saxony Impulse Professorships

### 1 Is it possible to apply for a university position outside Lower Saxony?

No, appointments can only be made to universities in Lower Saxony.

### 2 Can funds be transferred to institutions outside Lower Saxony in the event of cooperation?

No, unfortunately that is not possible.

### 3 Which salary rates are to be used when calculating the budget?

Please use the current salary rates of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture, which can be found on the [ministry's website](#).

### 4 Can an application be submitted without having previously received a call to a university in Lower Saxony?

Yes, this is possible. Junior professors and leaders of junior research groups who can be appointed to a W2 professorship in accordance with Section 26 NHG without having previously received a call for applications can also submit an application.

### 5 Does the university have to make its own contribution to costs?

A contribution to costs on the part of the university can be made and is viewed positively, but is not a funding requirement.

### 6 What deadlines must the applicant observe for the Niedersachsen Impetus professorships?

The doctoral degree must not have been awarded more than 10 years ago. Childcare periods are also taken into account.

## **7 How long may an appointment to a W2 professorship have been accepted?**

The acceptance of a call (Ruf) must not have occurred more than 6 months after the current deadline – i.e. the deadline on which the application is submitted. (Example: the reference date is December 1, 2023, then the call must not have been made before June 1, 2023)

## **8 How detailed should the professorship's work plan be?**

Core points of the first years of funding should be listed in detail (e.g. structure of studies, specific role of the postdocs). Longer-term perspectives can be explained in broad terms.

## **9 When must the letter of confirmation for the position from the university management be made available?**

At the time of submitting the application, the university must confirm that the respective position will be made permanent after the end of the funding period.

## **10 Can the university's binding institutional statement also be submitted in German?**

Yes, the statement should be submitted in German.

## **11 I have received funding. How long do I have before taking up my project/job?**

Up to one year after the approval letter.

## **12 Does the teaching load have to be adjusted in the event of funding?**

A reduction to 2 to 4 semester hours per week is expected.

## **13 Is it possible for holders of a permanent position in mid-level faculty to submit an application?**

For this group of people, the same application requirements apply as for all other applicants to be appointed to the impetus professorship. (The program is expressly not aimed at the creation or endowment of APL professorships).