



UNIVERSITY  
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Faculty of Arts and Humanities



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## Professorship in English Literature and Cultural Studies with a Focus on Gender and Queer Studies (W2) (f/m/d)

The University of Cologne is one of the oldest and largest universities in Germany. With its six Faculties covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and its internationally outstanding research profile areas, it enjoys an excellent reputation for its academic achievements and high standards of undergraduate and graduate education.

### YOUR TASKS

You will take on teaching duties and conduct research of an appropriately high standard in the specified area of English Literature and Cultural Studies with a focus on Gender and Queer Studies. Teaching duties will extend over the full range of periods and genres in English literature since the early modern period.

You will offer courses for both undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes, for some combined degrees (esp. the M.A. Gender and Queer Studies), and also for prospective teachers of English. Your tasks will additionally include the supervision of Ph.D. candidates (literature and cultural studies), examinations, the further development of course programmes, and a range of associated administrative duties. You will participate in joint research activities, both in the department and at faculty level, and initiate and conduct research projects which are supported by external funding. It is expected that you will be able to contribute to the further development of the faculty's international standing.

Central tasks will also include co-operation with the Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Cologne (GeStiK) and continuation of the e-journal *gender forum*.

### YOUR PROFILE

We are looking for an excellent academic in the field of English Literature and Cultural Studies, with particular interest in Gender and Queer Studies. We expect a focus on Drama and Theatre, as well as on Performative Arts in Shakespeare's time. Applicants will have excellent qualifications (Ph.D., Habilitation, or equivalent). The successful candidate should be prepared to participate in interdisciplinary and cross-faculty teaching programmes and research. Experience in teaching and research on an international level, as well as in the acquisition of external funding, will be an advantage. German language skills are required to fulfil the tasks in academic self-administration.

### OUR OFFER

The University of Cologne provides a stimulating academic environment with a wide range of career development opportunities as well as support services for dual career couples and family-friendly working conditions.

The position is available at the earliest possible date. Formal requirements are detailed in Section 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW). As a rule, the teaching load comprises nine semester hours per week (i.e., two hours per week is one 90-minute course per semester).

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

Please submit your application (without a photo) via the University of Cologne's Academic Job Portal (<https://professorships.uni-koeln.de>) by 07.02.2025. Your application (including CV, lists of publications and previously taught courses, teaching quality assessments, certificates) should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Furthermore, please also submit your first book as well as four publications that you consider relevant to the professorship.

