

Hochschule Geisenheim University (HGU) is Germany's first "New Type of University" evaluated by the German Council of Science and Humanities, and has the right to award doctorates. Our bachelor degree programs provide our students with an excellent scientific foundation and practice-oriented teaching that qualifies them for successful careers. The master programs are designed to equip students with specialist qualifications based on profile-building, and fundamental research with a strong international focus.

HGU is filling the position of

Professor (W2) of Enology (f/m/d)

Reference number: P1-2025

with a starting date of summer semester 2026.

Hochschule Geisenheim University (HGU) enjoys an outstanding reputation in the fields of viticulture and enology and is regarded as a unique center of expertise for education and research. The incumbent will represent the area of enology with a strong focus on process-oriented and applied research and teaching. We are looking for a broadly skilled individual who will both scientifically lead and actively shape the transformation of enological practices.

The focus is on the scientific examination of the entire enological process chain. We are looking for a research-active individual who can address and further develop innovative technologies, new approaches, and changing conditions for wine production. This should include the consideration of alternative grape products, the vinification of novel grape cultivars and grape characteristics as impacted by climate change. A solid knowledge of analytical and process-oriented methods, experience in planning and conducting research projects, and the ability to actively shape research in an interdisciplinary environment are expected.

In teaching, the position represents the field of enology in German- and English language bachelor and master degree programs at the university with a teaching load of 9 semester hours per week (e.g., Technologie der Weinbereitung, Advanced Enology). The teaching approach should be applied and focused on problem solving skills. Active participation in the further development of the curriculum is expected.

It is also expected that the incumbent will develop a successful extension program and establish and maintain strong connections with the industry as well as participate in national and international professional associations and organizations.

Because of its close connection to the new Beverage Technology Center and collaboration with the Departments of Viticulture, Grapevine Breeding, Beverage Research, Microbiology, and Biochemistry, the position is uniquely integrated into the interdisciplinary teaching and research at HGU. The position benefits from an excellent infrastructure and conditions for teaching, research, and knowledge transfer, including its own experimental pilot plant, an affiliated winery, and highly skilled staff.

A university degree in enology, beverage, food, or process technology, or related fields, as well as a doctoral degree is required. We are looking for an actively engaged individual who can demonstrate excellent scientific achievements and is pedagogically qualified to teach. Experience in leading and motivating staff is desirable.

Performance requirements and recruitment criteria for the position can be found in §§ 67 and 68 Hessian Higher Education Act (HessHG, *Hessisches Hochschulgesetz*). The position is permanent. When appointed to a professorship for the first time, the position will initially be

limited to a period of three years. Upon positive evaluation, the candidate may be appointed to a permanent position. If the legal requirements are met, the incumbent may be eligible for civil servant (*Beamter/Beamtin*) status. Additional requirements and prerequisites can be found in §§ 67–69, 75 and 76 HessHG.

Hochschule Geisenheim University acknowledges the value of diversity and strives to increase the diversity of its members. Modern facilities and a cutting-edge research infrastructure offer excellent working conditions in a scientific environment that is an integral part of the vibrant Rhein-Main research landscape. Hochschule Geisenheim University is an equal opportunity employer and a certified family friendly university. Therefore, applications from candidates with families are particularly welcome. As we seek to increase the proportion of women in teaching and research, we strongly encourage female scientists to apply. Applicants with disabilities will be given priority in case of equal qualification (pursuant to § 2 (2) and 3 SGB IX). Please enclose a copy of your disability card with your application.

For your application, please quote the above-mentioned reference number and enclose the following documents in one pdf file (max. 10 MB): cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, transcripts and certificates, teaching and research concept, publication list, and, if applicable, evidence of teaching experience and third-party funding acquisitions and references. Please submit your application by November 09, 2025 to Bewerbung@hs-gm.de. Postal address: Hochschule Geisenheim University, Personalmanagement, Von-Lade-Str. 1, D-65366 Geisenheim. For questions regarding the hiring procedure, please contact Mr. Diehl (phone: +496722/502-621; Email: academicrecruiting@hs-gm.de). Subject-related questions should be addressed to Prof. Dr. Bianca May (phone: +496722/502-766, Email: Bianca.May@hs-gm.de).

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