

TUD Dresden University of Technology, as a University of Excellence, is one of the leading and most dynamic research institutions in the country. Founded in 1828, today it is a globally oriented, regionally anchored top university as it focuses on the grand challenges of the 21st century. It develops innovative solutions for the world's most pressing issues. In research and academic programs, the university unites the natural and engineering sciences with the humanities, social sciences and medicine. This wide range of disciplines is a special feature, facilitating interdisciplinarity and transfer of science to society. As a modern employer, it offers attractive working conditions to all employees in teaching, research, technology and administration. The goal is to promote and develop their individual abilities while empowering everyone to reach their full potential. TUD embodies a university culture that is characterized by cosmopolitanism, mutual appreciation, thriving innovation and active participation. For TUD diversity is an essential feature and a quality criterion of an excellent university. Accordingly, we welcome all applicants who would like to commit themselves, their achievements and productivity to the success of the whole institution.

As part of the Federal-State-Program for promoting young scientists (Tenure Track Program), the **Institute of Media and Communication** at the **Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science**, invites applications for the

Chair (W2) of Media and Communication with a Focus on Political Communication and Media Change (with tenure track to W3)

to be filled at the **earliest possible date** for three years.

Following a successful tenure evaluation procedure, the appointment to a permanent Chair (W3) of Media and Communication with a Focus on/ Political Communication and Media Change will be granted. The evaluation procedure is based on mutually agreed evaluation criteria, in particular in the categories of research, academic teaching, academic self-administration and knowledge transfer.

Key Duties and Academic Responsibilities

The chair represents the scientific discipline of media and communication in research and teaching in its full breadth. The research focus lies on political communication and media change. At the core of this focus is the analysis of actor strategies, communication structures, media content, public discourse, and/or audience behavior under changing media conditions, as well as the consequences of these transformations for democratic processes and social participation. Another focus is on Computational Communication Research, understood as the study of communication processes shaped by large datasets, algorithmic structures, and AI-based applications. This includes, in particular, applying and advancing computational research methods. Both areas of focus should be compatible with TUD's future research priority area "Transformation and Democracy." The chair has an interdisciplinary orientation and an international network. In teaching, it is integrated into the Bachelor's and Master's programs of the Institute of Media and Communication and it actively contributes to the further development of the Master's program "Applied Media Research." Teaching responsibilities also include the supervision of student theses and dissertations. The chair actively participates in academic self-governance and university committees.

Requirements & Candidate Profile

You (m/f/x) have a strong command of communication theory and of the empirical research methods in the discipline. In the research area of Computational Communication Research, you employ computational research methods from a media-and-communication perspective. Your qualifications are demonstrated through publications in high-ranking journals, the development and implementation of positively evaluated courses, success in obtaining competitive third-party funding, and commitment to knowledge transfer. Collaborative research activities within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, within TUD, and with the international research community are expressly encouraged. In teaching, we expect your willingness and ability to teach courses in English.

Your active participation in academic self-governance is a given. A reflective working style, cooperative spirit, strategic thinking, sense of responsibility, and motivating leadership of interdisciplinary and diverse teams complete your profile.

The call is aimed at scientists on the path to a professorship who have professional experience in various institutional contexts. The requirements for appointment, the official duties and the administrative status are

governed by §§ 59, 69, 71 of the Act on Higher Education Institutions in the Free State of Saxony (SächsHSG) and the Saxon Regulation on Official Duties at Higher Education Institutions (HSDAVO).

For questions, please contact the head of the appointment committee, Prof. Dr. Sven Engesser, phone +49 351 463-33308; email: sven.engesser@tu-dresden.de.

Our Young Professors Program YOU-PROF offers comprehensive, targeted and individually oriented guidance and support during the evaluation phase. The program includes a structured offer for integration and retention at our university, supports your network building and offers far-reaching qualification, coaching and mentoring packages.

TUD strives to employ more women in academia and research. We therefore expressly encourage women to apply. The University is a certified family-friendly university and offers a Dual Career Service. We welcome applications from candidates with disabilities. If multiple candidates prove to be equally qualified, those with disabilities or with equivalent status pursuant to the German Social Code IX (SGB IX) will receive priority for employment. If you have any questions about these topics, please contact the Equal Opportunities Officer of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science (Ms. Caroline Friedrich, phone +49 351 463-37307) or our Representative of Employees with Disabilities (Mr. Roberto Lemmrich, phone +49 351 463-33175).

We look forward to receiving your application by **March 5, 2026** (time stamp on the email server or the stamped arrival date of the university central mail service of TUD applies).

How to Apply

Please attach the following documents to your letter of application:

- curriculum vitae in tabular form, synopsis of the academic career
- list of academic publications, summary of third-party funding
- list of courses taught, results of teaching evaluations covering the last three years
- if applicable, enclose supporting documents
- and copies of the certificates of all academic degrees.

We kindly ask you to submit your application by email. Please use the SecureMail Portal of TUD (<https://securemail.tu-dresden.de>) and send your documents in a single PDF document to: bewerbung.phf@tu-dresden.de. If you are applying by regular mail, please also attach your application documents in electronic form (CD or USB thumb drive) and send them to:

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