The Faculty of Human Sciences and the Institute of Sport Science (ISPW) at the University of Bern, Switzerland, invite applicants for the position of



Professor (100%; open rank) Sport Science with a focus on Motor Control, Learning and Development

Expected start date: August 1, 2026.

The Institute of Sport Science at the University of Bern focuses primarily on the social and behavioural sciences and is characterised by a problem-oriented approach to research and teaching (https://www.ispw.unibe.ch/strategiedokument).

The applicant must have internationally recognised research achievements in human movement, such as motor control, learning, and development. Ability to conceptualise and carry out interdisciplinary and experimental projects, experience in acquiring third-party funding, and the use and further development of existing ISPW research laboratories are required. In addition, research should focus on the practical fields of sport and exercise, for example competitive sport, physical activity and school sport.

The position supports the teaching of movement and exercise science and secures the link between theory and practice for the bachelor's degree programme. Teaching support for the master's degree programme "Teaching and Learning" is also expected. Applicant proof of excellent teaching (in German or English) is considered an advantage. In addition, the position cooperates with the other departments in the design of the study programmes and the ISPW doctoral programme "Problemoriented Sports Science".

Employment requirements are a completed doctorate and further research achievements. Very good German and English language skills are expected. Management and student supervision/mentoring experience and promotion of young scholars will be considered relative to the applicant's academic age.

The University of Bern seeks to increase the proportion of women in leading academic positions; therefore, women are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of Bern has a variety of offers that support the compatibility of work and family/partnership. This includes, among others, child care offers, offers for partners, and the possibility of job sharing (www.vereinbarkeit.unibe.ch).

Salaries are paid in accordance with Canton of Bern employment regulations. The University of Bern has signed the DORA declaration and uses this as a recruitment guideline.

Applications including (1) a letter of motivation, (2) curriculum vitae with academic career, list of publications, acquired third-party funding, academic teaching activities, management and supervision experience, and (3) research concept with reference to the existing research labs

(https://www.ispw.unibe.ch/forschung/forschungsausstattung/index_ger.html) should be addressed to Prof. Dr. Elmar Anhalt, Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Bern, and submitted by March 1, 2025 as a single PDF document via the following link https://www.philhum.unibe.ch/about_us/jobs/app/index_eng.html Contact for information: dekanat.humdek@unibe.ch