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Qualifications Required for Professorships

The following is a summary of the relevant paragraphs in the official German Landeshochschulgesetz (the State Higher Education Act) for individuals applying for professorships at German universities and universities of applied sciences.

Please note: this is only intended to provide general information and is *not* an official translation of the law.

§ 47 Landeshochschulgesetz (Einstellungsvoraussetzungen für Professorinnen und Professoren)

When applying for the position of professor at German universities and universities of applied sciences, applicants must fulfil the general official hiring requirements and must have the following qualifications:

1. **Completed university degree**
2. **Teaching qualifications**, such as relevant university-level classroom or training experience, courses or trainings focused on university teaching methods
3. **Background in academic-scientific research**, which means the applicant has completed a PhD thesis or has demonstrated a special talent for artistic work
4. The following may additionally apply depending on the university or university of applied sciences and the requirements for the particular position:

Applicants must have a minimum of five years professional experience - with at least three of those years spent outside of universities (i.e., no lecturing or research activities). Candidates are expected to have used this non-university experience to apply or develop scientific findings and methods.