

Information on the

International Visiting Lectureship Programme

at YMCA University in Kassel, Germany

KEY SPECS

- Six or twelve months teaching period in Kassel (Germany) at YMCA University
 - September 2023 to February 2024 or
 - September 2023 to August 2024
- For university lecturers or professors from outside Germany
- Deadline for application: **6 November 2022**

THE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 2009, the YMCA University of Applied Sciences (German: “CVJM-Hochschule”, www.cvjm-hochschule.de) is a young and vibrant institution resting on the solid foundation of the prominent YMCA movement with over 65 million members in 120 countries. The German YMCA (in German: CVJM) is the largest German Christian youth organization with over 310 000 members.

The YMCA University (YU) is a private and fully state-accredited private institution according to German law and standards of higher education. Moreover, all of the programs offered at YU individually went through a rigorous accreditation process. This assures their high quality and gives graduates sound and reputable degrees recognized worldwide.

To fulfill the requirements of the high German and state-mandated standards of professional social work as well as religious education and related fields, YU employs a multi-disciplinary, student-centered approach to teaching and learning. It acknowledges and employs highly effective, contemporary pedagogical models focusing not only on the provision of professional methodological competences but also personal social and spiritual growth. YU seeks to do this in open dialogue advocating for inclusiveness while fully endorsing its Christian identity.

We educate over 300 students within the campus-based double-major Bachelor program “Social Work and Religious Education”. In addition, more than 140 students study our online-based Bachelor program “Social Work”. In our Master program “Transformation Studies: Public Theology and Social Work” more than 60 students are matriculated. Individual support and structured campus activities characterize our concept of “living and learning together”, which is designed to connect formal and informal modes of learning for a deeper and more meaningful learning experience for each student and their individual learning needs and styles.

Should you decide to carry out a visiting lectureship at YMCA University in Kassel you will enjoy broad support in terms of visa formalities, finding accommodation, integration into the teaching staff, facilities, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Conducting teaching and research in the center of Germany, with proximity to major research institutions in Germany (for example: University of Göttingen/Heidelberg/Berlin/Tübingen/Marburg/Münster/Leipzig/Kassel).
- Teaching courses with small course sizes (approx. 20 students in elective courses).
- Time to conduct your own research, made possible by reduced teaching load.
- Getting to know the daily university life in a private German university with specific learning-centered pedagogy.

YOUR PROFILE

You...

- Are a member of a university (of Applied sciences or research institution) abroad (i.e., outside of Germany) and are currently employed there as a professor or lecturer.
- Achieved the **academic level of PhD or higher**.
- Optimally engage in research fields, related to fields of Theology or Social Work
- Acquired extensive teaching experience.
- Have not yet reached retirement age (< 65 years) by the start of the visiting lectureship.
- Do not have German citizenship.

YOUR ROLE AT THE YMCA UNIVERSITY

A visiting professor or lecturer engages in teaching as part of the on-campus study programs at YU (and on-campus teaching phases of our online-based study program, if applicable). We suggest assuming responsibility for courses in the fields of Theology, Religious Education or Social Work. Additionally, visiting professors or lecturers are encouraged to contribute with courses from own research fields.

According to the official requirements of the German Academic Exchange Service (German: DAAD), visiting professors or lecturers are obliged to teach a course load of five courses.

Due to the reduced course load, you will have enough time to conduct own research, visit theological departments throughout Germany, participate in conferences, etc.

REMUNERATION

The salary depends on your status at your home university

- a) Assistant professor/lecturer - junior level
- b) Professor - senior level

It is based on the common salary levels estimated at YMCA University for professors/lecturers. Also included are mobility lump sums for you and if applicable for your family.

TIMEFRAME

We envisage the following timeframe for the execution of the lectureship:

Starting date: 01 September 2023

End date: option 1: 28 February 2024
option 2: 31 August 2024

Hence, we strive for a lectureship duration of six months or preferably twelve months.

Please submit your application not later than **6 November 2022** (contact below).

CONCLUDING COMMENT

Please note: Ultimate recruitment for a visiting lecturer position within our International Visiting Lectureship Programme is contingent on approval of funding provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (pending).

The YMCA University strives for gender equality. Therefore, we aim to increase the proportion of female employees. We expressly address and encourage women to submit their applications.

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For your application, please submit as a PDF (or JPG):

- A cover letter summarizing your experience, your current teaching and research focus and what you would hope to achieve during your time at YU.
- An academic CV (including basic information, education, publications, courses taught, lectures/workshops given, etc.).
- Copies of your degrees (PDF).
- A list of courses you envision to teach at YU, including
 1. (Short) course description,
 2. Aims of the course (e.g. competencies)

We are looking forward to receiving your application!