



The University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology
Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie Hermannsburg (FIT)
has a vacancy as of **1 April 2019** for a

Professor of World Christianities and Mission History

It is the objective of the FIT to bring Western Protestant theological traditions into dialogue with other forms of theology in global Christianity (e.g. Pentecostal and charismatic) and to interface with other formats of Christian theological education around the world. The FIT aims to qualify its graduates for work in new vocational fields in churches, diaconia, communal and non-governmental organisations, so as to deal appropriately with the challenges posed by Christian pluralism within different social contexts.

The title ‚World Christianities and Mission History‘ (in German „Formen der Weltchristenheit und Missionsgeschichte“) refers to the multifaceted forms and expressions, which Christianity has developed over the past two thousand years, while encountering different religions, cultures and societies. The study of the Christian Mission and its history from different cultural perspectives reflects these encounters and related interactions as well as explores the specific features of the Church within new intercultural contexts. Furthermore, the dynamics of non-Western Christianity and the role of European Christianity in the world are examined.

The successful candidate will show evidence of excellence in both teaching and research on this subject and promote empirical and conceptual studies on World Christianities and Mission History. You will assume teaching responsibilities for the BA programmes ‚Intercultural Theology, Migration and Global Cooperation‘ and ‚Intercultural Theology and Global Diaconia‘ and for the MA programme ‚Intercultural Theology‘ (conducted by the University of Göttingen in collaboration with the FIT Hermannsburg). You are further expected to assist in the BA internship placement programme. The language of instruction is both English and German. The teaching load is in accordance with the usual teaching obligations at Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany.

Candidates are required to have

- an academic degree in theology or closely related discipline
- an excellent record of academic research as evidenced by a ThD/PhD
- pedagogic suitability as proven by advanced practical experience in academic teaching and learning
- intercultural teaching and learning experience, preferably acquired outside of the country of origin
- special achievements in the application or development of knowledge and methods in non-academic professional fields of practice
- evidence of a minimum of five years professional work experience, three of which at least must be non-academic (Lower Saxony Higher Education Act § 5)
- membership of a Protestant church in Germany or another church represented in the World Council of Churches (WCC)

- the ability to use German as the language of instruction after two years at the FIT.

Candidates are expected to have the ability and willingness to undertake administrative duties at the FIT.

If equally qualified candidates apply, preference will be given to those with special needs. International applications are welcome.

The initial contract (with the Ev.-luth. Missionswerk in Lower Saxony) for this position will be for two years followed by a tenured academic appointment. The salary is in accordance with the EG 14 TVöD guidelines.

Please submit the following documents with your application:

- CV, detailing publications, research projects and employment history
- a detailed description of previous teaching experience, including courses/lectures conducted
- three selected publications, if possible in electronic form (preferably in an integrated PDF file).

Please submit your **English** application, including the above mentioned documents, electronically, to the Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie, c/o Mr Erich Fiebig, Missionsstr. 3 – 5, D- 29320 Südheide, Germany, e-mail: e.fiebig@fh-hermannsburg.de

The closing date for applications is the **2 November 2018**.

Suitable candidates will be invited to give a trial lecture from 17 – 20 December 2018.