

# PhD Position Now Open (Deadline: March 20, 2026)

## University of Bayreuth – Chair of Epistemology – Starting October 1, 2026

We are pleased to announce a **four-year Research Associate (PhD) position (TV-L E13, 66%)** at the **Department of Philosophy, University of Bayreuth, Germany**, starting on **October 1, 2026**, to work with the **Chair of Epistemology, led by Prof. Borgoni**.

This is a **fixed-term employment contract** with the University of Bayreuth (**wissenschaftliche Mitarbeitende**), including **full social security benefits**.

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### Responsibilities and Expectations

The main responsibilities include **research and teaching**, as well as **minor administrative tasks**.

- **Research:** The successful candidate is expected to **complete a PhD dissertation within the contract period**.
- **Teaching:** The position includes a teaching load of **3.33 semester hours per week (SWS)**, corresponding to roughly **one seminar per semester**. Teaching may be conducted in **German and/ or English**; no German proficiency is required; proficiency in English is mandatory.
- **Administration:** Minor administrative duties include **supporting the research activities of the Chair of Epistemology**.
- **Department:** Active participation in the department's activities and support of events.

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### Areas of the PhD Project

We invite applications from candidates whose research interests relate to one of the Chair's four main areas (please visit: [www.borgoni.uni-bayreuth.de](http://www.borgoni.uni-bayreuth.de)):

- Self-knowledge and first-person authority
- Knowledge by lived experience
- Communication
- Mental fragmentation

Applications proposing projects outside these areas will also be considered, provided they are **sufficiently innovative, socially relevant, and maintain a clear connection to epistemology and philosophy of mind**.

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### What We Offer

The Department of Philosophy at the University of Bayreuth is characterized by its **international, interdisciplinary, inclusive, and dynamic profile**. We pursue **excellence in research** while engaging with the **social and political dimensions of academic inquiry**. Our students are highly motivated and innovative. The Chair offers **close research supervision**, tailored to individual academic profiles and needs.

Further information on our degree programs and events can be found here: - [Department of Philosophy –](#)

The University of Bayreuth is committed to **gender equality and diversity** and explicitly encourages applications from underrepresented groups.

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## Application Procedure

Please submit the following materials:

1. **Cover letter**, including a short statement on the use of large language models (LLMs) for your application (i.e., whether or not you used them, and if so, for which specific tasks).
2. **CV** (including education, publication, and research-related activities)
3. Bachelor's and Master's **transcripts**.
4. **Two writing samples** (e.g., seminar papers; choice is open).
5. **A 5-page PhD project proposal**, including your research question, main hypothesis, and an outline of your planned methodology.
6. One **reference letter, to be sent directly to <Monika.Schecklmann@uni-bayreuth.de>**.

Please send all materials (except 6) **as a single PDF**, named with the **title of your PhD project**, by **March 20, 2026**, to:

Ms. Schecklmann <[Monika.Schecklmann@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:Monika.Schecklmann@uni-bayreuth.de)>

Please contact me directly for questions and doubts: Prof. Borgoni <[cristina.borgoni@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:cristina.borgoni@uni-bayreuth.de)>

Selected candidates will be invited to an **online interview on March 30, 2026**. Final decisions will be communicated by **April 15, 2026**.

**Data Protection Notice:** By submitting your application, you consent to the processing of your personal data for the purposes of the selection procedure.