

PhD Position Now Open (Deadline: March 1, 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**. The position offers a **gross monthly salary of approximately €3,100**.

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 formal German proficiency is required, although it is recommended; 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.

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):

- 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**.

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 – English](#) - [Philosophy & Economics – German](#) - [Philosophy & Economics – English](#) - [Master's Program: Philosophy & Computer Science](#)

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

Application Procedure

Please submit the following materials:

1. **Cover letter**, including a short paragraph stating whether you used large language models (LLMs) in preparing 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**.

Please send all materials **as a single PDF**, named with the **title of your PhD project**, by **March 1, 2026**, to:
Ms. Schecklmann <Monika.Schecklmann@uni-bayreuth.de>

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

Selected candidates will be invited to an **online interview on March 20, 2026**. Final decisions will be communicated by **April 1, 2026**.

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