

Position Opening

Doctoral or Postdoctoral Researcher

Organization	Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany
Department	Department of Sport Science and Sport (DSS), Division of Physical Activity and Public Health (Prof. Dr. Anne Reimers)
Description	The DSS is an international scientific center of competence for health and physical activity.
Job Type	Part-time (50%) PhD position or a full-time postdoctoral position

Qualifications: Applicants should have an excellent university degree (master's degree), preferably in Physical Activity, Public Health, Psychology, Sport or Exercise Science or a related field to work with our multidisciplinary team. Additionally, applicants should obligatorily match the research topics of Prof. Dr. Anne Reimers' group (Division of Physical Activity and Public Health) related to the analysis and/ or promotion of physical activity with a special focus on vulnerable or disadvantaged people. Specific qualifications and/ or interests in the research areas linked to this research area are expected. They should have the motivation to work scientifically in a research group. Excellent command of English is essential, but German language skills are not required.

Job Description: The Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU) is recruiting one doctoral or postdoctoral research associate. The position is initially limited to 3 years with option of further extension. The DSS is one of only three Collaborating Centres of the World Health Organization (WHO CCs) that are entirely dedicated to the topic of physical activity (<https://www.who-cc.sport.fau.eu>). The WHO Regional Office for Europe first designated the DSS as a Collaborating Centre in 2014 and renewed the designation for another four years in 2018. Additionally, the DSS administers an expanding International Master Program in "Physical Activity and Health". Its faculty members are active in physical activity-related public health research.

The Division of Physical Activity and Public Health within the Department of Sport Science and Sport has an international and interdisciplinary culture and is concerned with the analysis and promotion of physical activity and health behavior in special population groups – such as children and adolescents, the family, or disadvantaged people – and at the same time devotes itself to situational prevention and policy development in the field of physical activity promotion. In addition to sporting activities, the focus is on informal physical activities such as leisure activities and active mobility behavior. The methodological spectrum of research projects in this field ranges from systematic reviews to quantitative and qualitative study designs and includes ambulatory assessment approaches. With these focal points, the Division operates at the interface between social, sports and health science research, which is becoming increasingly important.

The successful applicant will play an active role in enhancing the international research contacts of the Division of Physical Activity and Public Health, conducting and publishing social science/public health research, and obtaining external funding for international research projects. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with DSS faculty and staff members who have considerable expertise in coordinating international research endeavors, utilizing a broad range of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. The position is certified for scientific qualification in accordance with the Wissenschaftszeitgesetz (Wiss-ZeitVG). Preferably, the position will start as soon as possible. The applicant with the required qualifications will be remunerated in accordance with salary group 13 TV-L (about EUR 50,000).

The Friedrich-Alexander-University wants to increase the fraction of women and therefore encourages the application of qualified female applicants. Women will be given preference, unless there are prevailing rational reasons in the person of a co-applicant. The Friedrich-Alexander-University supports families in their work-life balance. Upon equal qualification, applicants with a handicap will be given preference.

For preliminary enquiries, please contact Prof. Dr. Anne Reimers (anne.reimers@fau.de).

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae, a list of qualifications, specific research interests, a proposal for a potential research project (maximum two pages). The application should be sent in one single pdf-file to Prof. Dr. Anne Reimers, Department of Sport Science and Sport of the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (sport-paph@fau.de) until April 18th, 2021 with reference to the code **2021-WMA-PAPH**.