



**Workshop „First Audition? Applying for (Junior) Professorships“
as a part of the Mentoring Programs
of the Graduate Academy of the University of Stuttgart**

Event period:	The self-study video can be accessed for 4 weeks, starting on August 13, 2026
Date of the group session:	September 10, 2026, 10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Number of participants:	up to 8
Target audience:	Postdocs of all levels of experience (R2/R3), junior research group leaders, junior professors
Seminar language:	English
Trainer:	Dr. Dieta Kuchenbrandt, schainundkuchenbrandt

Contents and Format:

This seminar takes place in a blended learning format. You will be given access to a self-study video (length: 3 h 10 min) in which all essential content on the topic of “Applying for (junior) professorships” is presented in detail. You will then take part in a group session via Zoom, in which you will work on open questions and practice important aspects of the application process (e.g. introduction to the scientific presentation, committee interview).

Please note: Watching the video and preparing a 3-minute presentation is a mandatory prerequisite for a meaningful participation in the group session.

Self-Study Video:

Duration: 3 h 10 min

The aim of the video is to inform you in detail about all phases of the appointment procedure for W1 to W3 professorships in Germany and to provide you with specific assistance and tips for your application.

The video first deals with the procedure and formal aspects of the appointment process. Then all the necessary application documents (especially CV, cover letter, concepts) are discussed in detail and illustrated in part with sample material. The third part covers the expectations and requirements in the hearing with the appointment committee as well as important steps you can take in preparation. You will receive tips and short demonstrations on how to structure your scientific presentation and teaching demonstration. In addition, the most frequently asked questions and topics in the committee interview are presented.



Accompanying Task:

All participants are asked to prepare a three-minute presentation to introduce their own profile (introductory part of the scientific presentation). Instructions for this are contained in the video.

Accompanying Material:

- Handout
- Worksheet for analyzing advertisements for professorships
- 2 sample CVs
- Sample teaching concept
- Two formulation and structuring examples for the research concept
- List of collected questions from committee interviews

Group Session via Zoom (September 10, 2026, 10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.):

The group meeting builds on the self-study video. First of all, participants will have the opportunity to clarify any remaining questions about applying for professorships. Afterwards, all participants will give the 3-minute presentation they have prepared to introduce their own profile (introductory part of the scientific presentation) and receive feedback from the other participants and the lecturer. Finally, the interview with the committee is discussed separately. Here, you will answer some typical questions from committee interviews and also receive feedback on your answers.

Additional Information:

The seminar includes subsequent process support. Participants have the opportunity to send their application documents to the trainer when they enter the application phase and receive written feedback on how to optimize them.

Gender-sensitive language is emphasized in the seminar. Gender-related aspects of the individual topics are discussed, demonstrated, and debated at appropriate times.