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Nr. 0023 Ausschreibung: Ausschreibung einer Professur

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### Ausschreibung

#### der Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria von Professuren

Die Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria – IT:U schreibt die Besetzung von einer Professur im folgenden Themenfelder entsprechend der Beilage aus:

„Global Scenario Modelling, Climate and Technology Policy“

Der Ausschreibungstext ist im Sinn einer breit formulierten und missionsorientierten Ausschreibung zu verstehen und in der Beilage angefügt. Insgesamt ist eine Stelle mit Antrittsdatum 1. September 2026 ausgeschrieben.

Entsprechend den im Bundesgesetz über das Institute of Digital Sciences Austria (Interdisciplinary Transformation University) festgelegten Grundsätzen betreibt die IT:U eine antidiskriminatorische Anstellungspolitik und legt Wert auf Chancengleichheit, Diversität, Inklusion, Gleichstellung der Geschlechter und Frauenförderung. Die IT:U strebt eine Erhöhung des Frauenanteils beim wissenschaftlichen Personal an und lädt daher qualifizierte Frauen ausdrücklich zur Bewerbung ein. Bei gleicher Qualifikation werden Frauen vorrangig aufgenommen.

Die Bewerbungsfrist endet am 29. Mai 2026.

Eine Bewerbung ist unter <https://career.it-u.at/en/jobs>

### 1 Beilagen

Die Gründungspräsidentin:  
**Stefanie Lindstaedt**

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## Promulgation Section

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Nr. 0023 Announcement:      Call for Applications: Professorship

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### Call for applications

#### Professorship at the Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria

The Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria – IT:U announces the opening of a professorship in the following field, as outlined in the annex:

- Global Scenario Modelling, Climate and Technology

The job posting is intended to be understood as broadly formulated and mission-oriented and can be found attached. In total, the appointment of one professor is planned, with a start date of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

In accordance with the principles established in the Federal Act on the Institute of Digital Sciences Austria (Interdisciplinary Transformation University), IT:U practices an anti-discriminatory hiring policy and places a strong emphasis on equal opportunities, diversity, inclusion, gender equality, and the promotion of women. IT:U aims to increase the proportion of women in its academic staff and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. In cases of equal qualifications, preference will be given to women.

The application deadline is May 29, 2026.

Interested applicants can apply at <https://career.it-u.at/en/jobs>

#### 1 Annex

The Founding President:  
**Stefanie Lindstaedt**

IT:U – Interdisciplinary Transformation University in Linz, Austria offers a

## Tenured Full-Professorship in Global Scenario Modelling, Climate and Technology Policy<sup>1</sup>

Climate change is one of the defining and most complex challenges of the 21st century. Addressing it requires computational approaches—most prominently global scenario modelling based on integrated assessment models (IAMs)—to understand interactions between climate and technology policy, technological change, macroeconomic development, and the climate outcomes. Global scenario research plays a central role in informing decision-making across sectors: it supports policymakers in evaluating policy options, helps societies explore plausible future pathways, and increasingly provides essential inputs for financial stakeholders—such as central banks, supervisors, and private financial institutions—assessing climate-related investment risks. Digitalisation and artificial intelligence further expand these possibilities, both by enhancing research methodologies and by enabling new technologies that support the green transition.

We invite applications for this Tenured Full-Professorship dedicated to advancing research and teaching at this intersection of green transition and computing.

## RESEARCH PROFILE<sup>2</sup>

We seek an outstanding researcher with a strong international profile in global scenario modelling, climate policy analysis, or a closely related field. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience in the development, application, or critical advancement of integrated assessment models (IAMs) or comparable large-scale computational frameworks for analysing climate and technology policy.

In line with the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) and the principles of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), IT:U assesses academic excellence through a broad competence framework that considers the full range of research contributions — including but not limited to publications, datasets, software, policy engagement, mentoring, interdisciplinary collaboration, and societal impact — rather than relying primarily on publication metrics.

Beyond technical modelling expertise, the successful candidate should bring a commitment to interdisciplinary research that connects computational approaches with other fields. IT:U values researchers who can bridge methodological traditions and engage diverse perspectives in addressing complex societal challenges.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to research that enhances our understanding of:

- **Global transition pathways and the impacts of climate and technology policy**
- **Short- to medium-term policy and technology dynamics** and their representation in large-scale models, including implications of near-term policy targets (including Nationally Determined Contributions) for long-term climate targets
- **Country- and region-level pathways** and international interactions (e.g., technology diffusion, energy trade)
- **Trade-offs and synergies** between decarbonisation, competitiveness, and economic development

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<sup>1</sup> subject to final approval of external funding for initial 2 years

<sup>2</sup> Research Profile is based on the discussions between IT:U and the external funder

- **Climate-related economic and financial risks and opportunities**, including investment needs, transition risk, and stranded-asset dynamics
- **Coupled dynamics** of global energy-system transitions, macroeconomic development, and international policy

We welcome applications from researchers whose work engages with these themes through a variety of methodological approaches, including but not limited to integrated assessment modelling, computational scenario analysis, agent-based modelling, machine learning applied to climate systems, or interdisciplinary frameworks that combine quantitative and qualitative methods.

## ABOUT IT:U

IT:U is Austria's emerging public university dedicated to understanding, driving, and evaluating digital transformation for the benefit of our societies, our economy, and our environment. A new kind of science holds the key to sustainable solutions for the complex, multifaceted challenges we face today: **computational methods and interdisciplinary research transform how we do science**, how we design systems, and how we contribute to solutions of global challenges.

**At IT:U we research, teach, and learn things that matter to you and to the world.** IT:U prioritizes inter- and transdisciplinary research, emphasizing mission-based study programs and project-based learning. IT:U is dedicated to developing highly innovative learning technology for support and scalability. By overcoming disciplinary boundaries, IT:U confronts the conflicting realities of today and cultivates the skills to navigate an increasingly digital world. If you are inspired to build this entirely new university with us, then you are the one we are looking for.

**IT:U professors** are excited about the opportunities that computational methods and especially artificial intelligence create within and across disciplines. Their work transcends established methodological boundaries and enriches a whole spectrum of scientific fields. They are open to forward-thinking approaches to learning and the cocreation of knowledge. IT:U seeks to increase the percentage of women in such interdisciplinary scientific communities following the IT:U Affirmative Action Plan. **We specifically encourage qualified women to apply.** When in doubt: apply!

**IT:U provides an environment in which you can grow:**

- Independent research groups: The professor will create their own research group
- Low student/teacher ratio: There will be no large lectures, instead you will be teaching within projects and small groups
- Teaching support: Learning professionals will support your teaching actively
- Completely English-speaking environment
- Highly service-oriented administration

**IT:U students will predominantly learn in projects.** As a professor you will collaborate closely with project coaches, lecturers, and lab experts to build skills, foster problem solving abilities, and ignite passion. This face-to-face work in projects will be complemented by online sessions before, between, and after the project to support the learning process. While this style of teaching demands effort, we find it to be exceptionally rewarding. And our learning professionals are committed to support you. IT:U offers doctoral schools since fall 2024, and a Master's programs since fall 2025.

**IT:U is one of a kind.** The Interdisciplinary Transformation University was installed by a particular law specifically designed to provide this institution the independence, agility and funding necessary to act this way, outside of the slow pre-defined processes commonly followed.

**The working language at IT:U is English,** fostering a globally inclusive learning environment; therefore, candidates must be fluent in English.

**IT:U believes the intellectual, cultural, and social diversity** of our faculty, staff, and students is vitally important to the distinction and excellence of our academic and research programs. We seek candidates who support our institutional commitment to ensuring that IT:U is inclusive, equitable, and diverse.

## OUR OFFER

- Competitive salaries starting from €100.000 (tenured professor) per year as base payment. Overpayment is envisaged according to experience.
- Fully funded PhD students and/or Postdoc positions
- Full integration into Austria's robust public health system, boasting outstanding clinical facilities and comprehensive healthcare coverage for you and your family.
- The position is subject to a pending project- and financial- agreement with an external donor , as the position is externally funded for the first two years.
- Dual career support or dual hiring if applicable
- Relocation services incl. paid temporary housing for the first 3 months (relocation to the Greater area of Linz, Austria, is expected)
- Relocation tax allowance of 30% on income from scientific activities is possible for a period of 5 years (requirements must be examined)
- Perks and benefits like free public transportation (e.g. KlimaTicket).

**Welcome services:** As part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our employees, we will assist you in securing appropriate facilities such as day nurseries, kindergartens, playgroups, and schools for the seamless integration of your family into our community.

**IT:U values gender competence and diversity awareness** as part of a candidate's academic profile. Applicants are encouraged to address their experience with or commitment to inclusive research environments, gender-sensitive methodologies, and diversity in team leadership in their application materials.

**At IT:U, we believe in fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace.** We are committed to gender equality, creating an environment where everyone, regardless of gender, has equal opportunities for growth and success. Additionally, we embrace individuals with diverse abilities and strive to provide a supportive and accessible workplace for people of all backgrounds, including those with disabilities. IT:U is committed to inclusive recruitment in accordance with applicable law. Applicants who require reasonable accommodations at any stage of the application or interview process are invited to contact [board@it-u.at](mailto:board@it-u.at) so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## PLEASE APPLY

Applications must include

- cover letter and motivation for application (1-2 pages)

- curriculum vitae including a list of publications
- three referees – names and addresses of three or more individuals who are willing to provide a letter of recommendation for you. Please note: We will only contact these referees if you make the shortlist and are invited to the hearings.
- research statement describing your future research program and especially illustrating your interdisciplinary approaches (2-3 pages)
- teaching & mentoring statement with a specific focus on how you envision to teach within projects (2-3 pages)

To apply, please fill in the IT:U application form and upload your files at <https://it-u.at/careers/>

**DEADLINE: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 (EOD)**

Review of applications will commence immediately after

**INTERVIEWS for the positions will be held online presumably June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2026.** Candidates are asked to be available during this timeframe. The exact date will be communicated as soon as the shortlist has been finalized (early June 2026).

**Start date: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Due to the external funding, a later starting date is not possible.** The external funding timeline requires commencement of the position by this date. IT:U will work with the successful candidate to ensure a smooth transition, including flexibility in on-site presence during the initial period where compatible with the requirements of the role and the funding agreement.

If you have questions or require support, feel free to contact [board@it-u.at](mailto:board@it-u.at).