



## Research Associate (f/m/d)



Deutsche  
Sporthochschule Köln  
German Sport University Cologne

At the earliest opportunity | Temporary | Part-time | Pay group 13 TV-L | Application deadline 06.07.2026

The German Sport University Cologne, as a university of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, is unique in Germany in terms of both the breadth of its research activities and its approximately 6,000 students. Internationally, it is also one of the most renowned universities in the field of sport science.

At the Institute for Sport Economics and Sport Management a position as

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is to be filled as of the earliest possible date, part-time with a regular weekly working time of currently 19 hours and 55 minutes.

This is a qualification position under the German Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG), which serves to support the completion of a doctoral degree. The position is limited to the duration of the doctoral process, initially for a maximum period of 3 years.

### Main responsibilities

- Coordinating the English-taught M.Sc. in Sport Management
- Communicating internally and university-wide with students, lecturers, administrative departments, and university management
- Contributing to the planning, development, and evaluation of the course offerings within the M.Sc. in Sport Management
- Strengthening the external profile of the M.Sc. in Sport Management with cooperation partners (e.g., potential employers) and other universities domestically and abroad
- Delivering English-language courses in the field of sport management
- Supervising final theses (Bachelor's and Master's theses) and marking examinations
- Contributing to the self-governance of the Institute

### Your Profile

#### Required qualifications:

- Completed academic degree (university diploma or Master's) in sports science (preferably sport management or sport economics) or in business/administration/economics
- Sound knowledge of the M.Sc. in Sport Management programme
- Initial research experience in the field of sport management and an interest in research-led teaching
- Excellent written and spoken English
- Very good knowledge of research methods and quantitative data analysis

#### Desirable qualifications:

- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Experience in project management
- Commitment
- Flexibility
- Strong analytical skills
- Innovative mindset
- Confident manner and an open, friendly approach

### What we offer

- employment in accordance with the Collective Agreement for the Public Service of the Federal States (TV-L) with 30 days of annual leave
- a dynamic and diverse field of work
- a wide range of professional development opportunities
- numerous health and sports programmes
- support in balancing family and career, e.g. through childcare services
- additional benefits, including excellent public transport connections, discounted meals in our cafeteria, and special offers via the "Corporate Benefits" platform

Subject to the fulfilment of personal and collective bargaining requirements, classification is up to pay grade 13 TV-L. Further information on the amount of remuneration can be found here [here](#). The classification into pay levels is based on consideration of your personal professional experience.

The position includes a teaching load of 2 semester hours per week (SWS/F 1) in accordance with the NRW Teaching Obligation Regulation.

The German Sport University Cologne sees itself as an open-minded employer that values diversity. It is committed to diversity and gender equality and welcomes applications which contribute to this commitment – regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social background, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or identity. Promoting equal opportunities is one of the university's strategic goals; qualified women are therefore expressly encouraged to apply. Women will be given preferential consideration in accordance with the provisions of the State Equal Opportunities Act.

Applications from persons with severe disabilities and persons with equivalent status are welcome and will receive

preferential consideration within the framework of the applicable legal provisions.

Please send your complete application, quoting the reference number 2622-WMA-Sportmanagement, by 06.07.2026 as a **single PDF file** exclusively to [bewerbung@dshs-koeln.de](mailto:bewerbung@dshs-koeln.de).

If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of the position, please contact PD Dr. Kirstin Hallmann at +49 221 4982-6097. For legal or procedural questions, Ms. Klimmeck will be happy to assist you at +49 221 4982-3890.

Please also visit our homepage at [www.dshs-koeln.de](http://www.dshs-koeln.de). Information on how your personal data submitted as part of the application process is handled can be found at [www.dshs-koeln.de/datenschutz/](http://www.dshs-koeln.de/datenschutz/).