

As one of Germany's leading research universities, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) is a reform-minded campus university that uniquely unites the full breadth of major academic disciplines at a single location. The dynamic interaction between the various subjects and branches of science offers researchers and students alike excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Universitätsklinikum der Ruhr-Universität Bochum (UK-RUB) is a syndicate of teaching hospitals and specialist medical facilities in the Bochum, Herne, and Ostwestfalen-Lippe region that work in partnership with the Ruhr University. The UK-RUB stands for exceptional patient care in conjunction with outstanding research and teaching in the field of university medicine.

Katholisches Klinikum Bochum invites applications for a

Professorship (equivalent to W3) as Director of the Department of General and Visceral Surgery (successor to Professor Waldemar Uhl) (m/f/d),

to be filled with effect from 1 January 2028.

The Department of General and Visceral Surgery has 125 beds across its St. Josef-Hospital and St. Elisabeth-Hospital sites. Each year, the department treats 4,250 inpatients and 8,700 outpatients. As a high-performance centre providing comprehensive care, the department covers the full spectrum of general and visceral surgery, extending from emergency treatment to complex oncological procedures in visceral surgery. Key areas of clinical focus include upper gastrointestinal, pancreatic, intestinal, hernia and thyroid surgery, minimally invasive surgery including robotic surgery and proctological surgery. The Pankreaskarzinomzentrum-Ruhr at Katholisches Klinikum Bochum, St. Josef-Hospital, is a leading centre certified by the German Cancer Society and meets the highest professional standards in the interdisciplinary diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic diseases.

As a major contributor to university medicine in Bochum, we at St. Josef-Hospital Bochum benefit from closely integrated, innovative research and clinical collaboration with disciplines encompassing gastroenterology, including endoscopy, radiotherapy, interventional radiology and oncology; these collaborative links also extend across the Ruhr-Universität Comprehensive Cancer Center (RUCCC). By bringing together different disciplines and institutions, this structure supports advanced diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, fosters translational research projects and provides an outstanding setting for the joint development of forward-looking treatment strategies. In 2021, St. Josef-Hospital opened its new central operating suite with eight high-tech operating theatres. The department has also achieved considerable success with the advanced Hugo™ Robotic-Assisted Surgery (RAS) System.

Among the key prerequisites for this role are a junior professorship with a positive evaluation, a post-doctoral lecturing qualification or equivalent academic achievements as well as proof of special aptitude for academic teaching and a commitment to participating in academic self-administration. Candidates must also provide evidence of specialist accreditation in general and visceral surgery, an additional qualification in specialised visceral surgery and broad surgical expertise across the full spectrum of modern visceral surgery. Candidates will also have to meet the appointment requirements set out in Sections 36 et seq. of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Further requirements:

- strong commitment to teaching;
- willingness to pursue interdisciplinary research;
- readiness and proven ability to secure substantial external funding for research projects;
- commitment to further developing research activities in the department's surgical molecular laboratory;
- continued refinement of the following sections: Pancreatic, Hepatic and Biliary Centre, Colorectal Surgery, Robotic Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery and Hernia Surgery, Coloproctology (based at St. Elisabeth-Hospital), Endocrine Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Medicine;
- further advancement of innovative surgical techniques in visceral oncology (robotics and AI).

The successful candidate will be expected to integrate into the Faculty's principal research areas (oncology, neurosciences and protein sciences). Clinical and research collaboration is welcomed with institutions of the Faculty of Medicine and UK RUB in the established research priority areas and fields of development, including the Department of Molecular Gastrointestinal Oncology, Centre for Clinical Research (ZKFI) and Chair of Inorganic Chemistry, together with involvement in existing collaborative research projects relating to the Biomedical Technology Center Münster and Westfälische Hochschule – Campus Recklinghausen and in future collaborative research initiatives.

The appointment procedures will be conducted by Ruhr-Universität Bochum in agreement with Katholisches Klinikum Bochum. Employment will be on the basis of an employment contract under private law. Affiliation with the University shall be governed by the provisions set out in Section 9 (2) HG NRW.

RUB and Katholisches Klinikum Bochum stand for diversity and equal opportunities. With this in mind, we are committed to fostering collaboration within diverse teams and promoting the careers of those who are underrepresented in their respective areas of work. RUB expressly encourages applications from women. As regards areas in which they are underrepresented, they will be given preferential consideration in those instances in which they are equally qualified. We also welcome applications from people with disabilities.

Applications must include the standard supporting documents (covering letter, CV, academic career history, copies of certificates and official credentials, list of academic works or publications, evidence of particular aptitude for academic teaching, list of courses taught, details of research interests and areas of clinical focus and a record of external funding secured), together with the Faculty of Medicine's application form (<https://www.medizin.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/medizinische-fakultaet/akademische-verfahren/berufung>), and must be submitted exclusively in electronic form within six weeks to:

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Information on the collection of personal data during the application process: <https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/informationen-zur-erhebung-personenbezogener-daten>.