



The **Endowed Chair of Procurement** is offering a full-time position as

## Ph.D. Candidate / Research Associate (m/w/d)

starting as soon as possible.

The Endowed Chair of Procurement (Prof. Dr. Christoph Bode) at the Business School of the University of Mannheim invites applications for a position as Ph.D. Candidate / Research Associate (E 13 TV-L, 75%).

Our group, situated within Mannheim's Area of Operations Management, is dedicated to pioneering advancements in procurement and supply chain management. Our research focusses on areas such as risk management, interfirm relationships, innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation strategies. Through collaborations with international partners and industry leaders, we bridge theory and practice to make meaningful impacts.

### Your tasks include:

This position may commence immediately and will typically span three years, including doctoral coursework. You will be responsible for your own doctoral research (Ph.D. program), participate in research projects, supervise students, and assist in teaching. You are also expected to participate in corporate outreach and educational programs with synergies with your doctoral studies. You should be passionate about research and willing to write papers for scholarly journals, conferences, and practitioner journals.

### Your profile:

- Excellent master's degree (or equivalent) in business administration, industrial engineering, economics, computer science, or a related discipline.
- Very good knowledge of English (spoken and written).
- Independent and structured way of working, high commitment and ability to work in a team.
- Knowledge of econometrics and a programming language as well as practical experience in industry or consulting is a plus.

### What we offer:

The **University of Mannheim** is one of the leading universities in Germany with approximately 12,000 students in five schools. Particularly in business and economics as well as in the social sciences the university ranks among the top institutions both at national and international level. More than 2,600 employees profit from an exciting work environment with numerous benefits.

#### Key information

**Start:** as soon as possible

**Weekly hours:** 75% hours, the position is generally suitable for job sharing

**Application deadline:**  
15 April 2025

Mannheim's faculty for business administration is one of the leading business schools in Europe and offers excellent conditions for young scientists. Strong support and close guidance in a young, ambitious team enables a streamlined process towards successful completion of the Ph.D. program. Attendance of international conferences, a research stay abroad (e.g., in the USA), and collaboration with international research partners (e.g., ETH Zurich) is desired and actively supported.

Applications from persons with a disability are given preferential consideration provided that they are appropriately qualified. The University of Mannheim is committed to increasing the quota of women and thus encourages women with appropriate qualifications to apply.

If you are interested in applying, please send your application documents via e-mail **by 15 April 2025 at the latest:**

**[procurement@uni-mannheim.de](mailto:procurement@uni-mannheim.de)**

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Prof. Christoph Bode at

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#### Data protection

Please find detailed information on the collection of personal data from the data subject according to Article 13 GDPR on the university's homepage: [www.uni-mannheim.de/datenschutz-bei-bewerbungen](http://www.uni-mannheim.de/datenschutz-bei-bewerbungen).

Submitted application documents will only be returned if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, they will be destroyed in accordance with current data protection law after the application procedure has ended. Electronic applications will be deleted accordingly..

If you apply by e-mail, please note that protection of confidential data cannot be guaranteed as unauthorized third parties might gain access to unencrypted e-mails during transmission.