



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.

Our research group ("chair"), 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 typically spans three years, including doctoral coursework. As a successful candidate, you will assume responsibility for your doctoral research within the Ph.D. program, actively participate in research projects, supervise B.Sc./M.Sc. students, and contribute to our teaching. Additionally, you are expected to engage in corporate outreach and executive teaching programs with synergies to your research. A passion for research is essential, along with a willingness to produce scholarly papers for journals, conferences, and practitioner publications.

### Your profile:

- Excellent academic track record and a very good master's degree 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 programming/coding as well as practical experience in industry or consulting is a plus.

### What we offer:

The University of Mannheim Business School 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

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The University of Mannheim Business School unites first-class research, internationality, and a distinct orientation towards corporate practice. The Endowed Chair of Procurement is part of the school's Area Operations Management. It covers a broad range of procurement and supply management topics in research and teaching. The approach is primarily empirical. Current focal topics include sustainability, risk management, digitalization.

#### Key information

**Start:** as soon as possible

**Remuneration bracket:** E 13 TV-L BW

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

**Location:**  
Mannheim, Schloss

**Application deadline:**  
31 Juli 2025

process towards successful completion of the Ph.D. program. Attendance of international conferences, a research stay abroad, and collaboration with international research partners is desired and actively supported.



Outstanding research  
culture



Innovative academic  
working environment



International  
orientation

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 31 July 2025 at the latest:**

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

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



#### Data protection

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[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.