

## **Ferdinand Porsche FernFH as Austria's only University of Applied Sciences in Ranking: FernFH on the Podium: 3rd place in the "Family & Career" state award**

**Ferdinand Porsche FernFH was the only Austrian University of Applied Sciences to be awarded the state prize for "Family & Career". In the "private commercial enterprises with 21-100 employees" category, the FernFH achieved 3rd place behind Hubmann Bau GmbH (Styria) and Müller Bau GmbH & Co KG (Vorarlberg).**

The "Family & Career" state prize honours Austrian companies and institutions for particularly outstanding achievements in the field of family-conscious personnel policy in various categories. There was a total of 68 entries from seven federal states. Ferdinand Porsche FernFH was able to demonstrate its family-friendliness with measures such as flexible working hours, mobile working at the three locations, working from home, a special bring-your-pet policy and the option of taking the children to the office, which is particularly relevant during school holidays. With this, FernFH was able to reach 3rd place in the "private commercial enterprises with 21-100 employees" category and asserted itself as a unique University of Applied Sciences against fierce competition.

Axel Jungwirth, CEO of FernFH couldn't be prouder: "I'm so proud of our University of Applied Sciences and of getting third place. It shows that a company doesn't have to compromise on family-friendliness in order to achieve strong growth. The well-being of my employees is my top priority. This is why it's important that we make it possible that family time, free time and a career are in harmony with one another. We offer flexibility not only to our students, but also to our employees".

Reconciling family life and a career is firmly anchored in the values of Ferdinand Porsche FernFH. Julia Nowotny, Head of personnel department FernFH, underlines this by stating: "Family friendliness is a question of a culture of values in the minds of all those involved. We offer FernFH employees holistic and very individual work solutions and, in this way, create new opportunities for them. This is not very difficult for the company, but it has a huge impact on employee satisfaction."

### **About Ferdinand Porsche FernFH**

Ferdinand Porsche FernFH is Austria's first distance-learning University of Applied Sciences. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of FernFH Management & Service GmbH and was founded in 2006. FernFH is a pioneer when it comes to distance learning in Austria thanks to the innovative learning and teaching methods in the field of distance learning. All five publicly funded distance learning programmes are accredited by AQ Austria, the Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation. In 2016, FernFH was certified according to international standards by the evaluation agency evalag Baden-Württemberg. Ferdinand Porsche FernFH collects the tuition fees of 363.36 Euro per semester plus the contribution for the Austrian Union of Students. Furthermore, FernFH offers certificate programmes for executive education with "NPO Management" and "Evaluation in the Health, Social and Education Sector". The MBA programme "International Corporate Social Responsibility Management" is a new addition to the executive education portfolio. Preparations for further degree programmes and executive education programmes are currently underway. More Information on [www.fernfh.ac.at/en](http://www.fernfh.ac.at/en).

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