

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Heide Ahrens

Secretary General of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Born on 21 January 1962 in Bergen/Celle district

Career History

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| Since 2020 | Secretary General of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft |
| 2017–2020 | Senator for Science, Health and Consumer Protection, after 2019 Senator for Science and Ports of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Senate Director, Head of Department 2 "Higher Education and Research" |
| 2011–2017 | Ministry for Science, Economic Affairs and Transport, after 2012 Ministry for Education and Science of the State of Schleswig-Holstein, after 2014 Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Science and Equality, Head of Section, Head of Department 5 "Science and Research" |
| 2007–2011 | Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg Vice President for Administration and Finance 2008–2010 Acting President |
| 2004–2007 | University of Bremen Head of Academic Affairs Department |
| 1999–2004 | Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany Programme manager in the Programme and Funding Division |
| 1995–1999 | Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Division head in the General Policy Division (deputy head of department) |
| 1989–1994 | Dr. Volkmar Köhler, PStS (ret.), Member of the German Bundestag (MdB) Research assistant to the member of the Bundestag |
| 1989 | Student assistant in the German Bundestag's Enquete Commission on the reform of health insurance |

- 1988–1989 Member of the CDU/CSU parliamentary working group
"Transnuclear Investigation Committee"
- 1988 Freelance employee in the Press and Information Office of the Federal
Government

Education

- 1994 Doctorate as Dr. phil.
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
- 1987 Master of Arts
- 1982–1987 Degree course at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
Political Science (major)
Communication Research and Phonetics (major)
Contemporary German Literature (minor)
- 1972–1981 Christian-Gymnasium Hermannsburg, A-levels