

Job Title: Tenure track Assistant Professor in development practice

Req ID 11062 - Posted 07/21/2017 Teacher Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment Part time
(Teaching Staff; Research)

Introduction

The University of Lausanne is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 14,300 students and nearly 3,800 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

Presentation

The Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment (FGSE) of the University of Lausanne invites applications for a

Assistant professor (tenure track) at 60-80% in development practice

to be housed in the Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD).

We are looking for a researcher in the social sciences with a focus in international development and the environment. In order to complement the IGD's existing expertise and our needs in terms of teaching, we seek a candidate with a foot in the applied domain, for instance through employment, collaboration or consulting with development agencies. The 20-40% of time left open should permit the candidate to continue or develop his or her extra-university activities in this domain.

Information

Appointment will be at the Assistant Professor level (tenure track), with Associate Professor status achieved within 5-6 years. However, exceptionally, we will consider outstanding candidates for direct appointment to the Associate Professor level, notably if this corresponds with our gender equity objectives. The FGSE's strategy regarding gender equity, specifically with respect to the recruitment of professors, is described in point 2.2 of the FGSE's Plan of action in favor of the equality of chances between women and men 2017-2020. Candidates are expressly invited to consult this document at the following website: www.unil.ch/gse/home/menuinst/administration/commissions/egalite.html.

Expected start date in position : August 1st, 2018 (or to be agreed upon)

Contract length : 6 years, tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor expected after 5-6 years

Activity rate : 60 % to 80 %

Workplace : University of Lausanne, quartier Mouline, Geopolis building

Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will join the research group "Development, societies, environments" within the IGD. The position requires an interest in teaching as well as the ability to supervise masters and doctoral students. The successful candidate will teach in human geography at the Bachelor level. He or she will contribute to the Masters in Geography, specialisation "Development and environment", by teaching courses on the conception and evaluation of projects and introduction to international development practice.

Your qualifications

The successful candidate should have specific expertise in one (or several) of the topical areas covered by the IGD or the other institutes of the FGSE, for instance: disaster risk reduction, urban ecology, agroecology/agroeconomy, water resources management, biodiversity conservation, or heritage protection. The candidates must demonstrate a capacity to undertake quality research, to obtain competitive research funding, and to publish in peer-reviewed international research journals in the field of development.

A good command of both French and English language is preferable. If French is not the native language, teaching ability in French has to be acquired within two years of the appointment. The University provides language courses to aid with this acquisition.

What the position offers you

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment (FGSE) of the University of Lausanne is a young and dynamic faculty, launched in 2003 offering state-of-the-art equipment, incentives for projects and excellent working conditions. It consists of three research institutes (Earth Science, Geography and Sustainability, and Earth Surface Dynamics) and a School to manage teaching and training across these research domains. The FGSE specifically promotes interdisciplinary research and teaching, within and between the social and natural sciences.

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) unites geographers (human and physical), economists, and environmental philosophers. The approximately ninety employees of the Institute participate in one or more research groups: Development, societies, and environment; Urban studies; Environmental humanities; Cultures and natures of tourism; Water resources and geoheritage; and Geographic information science.

Contact for further information

Other useful information is available on the websites of the Faculty (www.unil.ch/gse) and the Institute of Geography and Sustainability (www.unil.ch/igd).

Further information: Contact the Chair of the selection committee for this position, Michel Jaboyedoff, Vice-Dean of the FGSE, and Professor in the Institute of Earth Sciences (michel.jaboyedoff@unil.ch).

Your application

Deadline: September 30th, 2017

Only applications in Word or PDF through this website will be taken into account and should indeed include:

- a letter explaining the reasons for applying
- a full Curriculum Vitae, including previous employment and university training, the date of the doctoral thesis with its title, a list of publications and conference presentations, a list of classes taught, and a list of student research supervised
- a list of research projects and applied projects or consultancies in which the candidate has participated, mentioning the role, the duration, and the funding amount.
- a research statement, describing the research the candidate intends to develop and its articulation with his or her extra-university activities in development (max. 4 pages)
- a teaching statement, describing the candidate's intentions for teaching and his or her potential contribution to our teaching programs (max. 2 pages)
- PDFs of the five most significant publications
- the names and contact information of five referees

Additional information

The University of Lausanne seeks to promote an equitable representation of men and women among its staff and strongly encourages applications from women.