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Professorship in Development Studies

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment at the University of Lausanne plans to appoint three new professorships in its Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGS), one of which in development studies with a focus on society-environment relationships in the Global South. A background in geography, sociology, anthropology or a related discipline is required. Furthermore, demonstrable experience with inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations and with field-based research are essential.

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGS) provides an excellent environment for research including earmarked funds for PhD students, personnel and operating funds (information on request). The successful candidate is expected to collaborate with the members of the existing Development Studies Group of the IGS (www.unil.ch/igul/page16226.html). The Institute also provides an exceptional context for teaching and the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to teaching across the curriculum with a particular emphasis on strengthening of the Master's specialization in development studies.

The successful candidate is expected to develop an internationally competitive research program and to attract external funding. She/he must have sufficient teaching experience and a strong commitment to excellence in teaching courses in human geography, development studies and qualitative and mixed methods both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Teaching activities will also include participating in doctoral programmes and supervising Master's and PhD theses.

A good command of both English and French is required. If French is not the native language, teaching ability in French has to be acquired within two years of the appointment.

General information

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment [FGSE] of the University of Lausanne is a young and dynamic faculty, launched in 2003. It currently consists of three research institutes (Geography and Sustainability, Earth Sciences, Terrestrial Environment Research) and a multidisciplinary faculty combining the social and the natural sciences. The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGS), in particular, encompasses human, physical and quantitative geographers, environmental economists and philosophers. The about 60 scientific collaborators of the Institute (professors, research scientist and instructors and PhD students) work in one or more of the following five research fields: development studies, urban studies, mountain research, environmental humanities and geographical information sciences (www.unil.ch/igul/page15447.html).

The undergraduate and graduate teaching programmes of the Faculty are managed by the School of Geoscience and Environment (www.unil.ch/gse/page2677_en.html). The faculty members of the IGS contribute to the bachelor program in Geosciences and Environment and to the master's programs in Geography (www.unil.ch/mastergeographie/page94921.html) and in Geosciences of the Environment (http://www.unil.ch/masterenvi).

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This new position represents an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated and dynamic social scientist to participate actively in the development of a rapidly evolving faculty, its research and teaching programs, and to add to its existing research networks with regional, national and international partners. The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment is very well equipped and scenically located on the shores of Lake Geneva, a region of outstanding natural beauty offering a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere and an exceptionally high quality of life.

Application

Depending on the experience of the candidate, the appointment is expected at the rank of full professor or at the rank of tenure-track assistant professor with the possibility of full professor status within 5-6 years. The University of Lausanne seeks to promote an equitable representation of men and women among its staff and strongly encourages applications from women.

Application deadline: September 30, 2013

Starting date: August 1, 2014 (or to be agreed upon)

Applications are to be submitted both by e-mail AND by paper copy to the Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences and Environment. The application material should include:

- a cover letter,
- a Curriculum Vitae including the year of birth and the date of PhD thesis with its title,
- a list of publications, highlighting the five most important and briefly mentioning the reasons for this choice,
- a statement of research and teaching goals and interests (not exceeding 3 pages),
- reprints of the five most significant publications,
- the names and contact information of five referees.

Please note that the maximum file size that can be received by the University of Lausanne e-mail system is 10 Mb. Larger files should be split accordingly and sent sequentially.

Further information about the Faculty is available at: http://www.unil.ch/gse

For any specific enquiries, please contact: Prof. François Bussy (francois.bussy@unil.ch), Dean of the Faculty.

The application should be sent electronically to: doyen.gse@unil.ch. A hard copy should be sent to: Doyen de la Faculté des géosciences et de l'environnement, Université de Lausanne, Bâtiment Géopolis, CH-1015 Lausanne (Switzerland).