

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) in Communication Studies (full time) at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland)

The Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) invites applications for the position of **Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) in Communication Studies**. The position is with the Department of Communication and Media Research DCM. The appointment begins in early 2020 and is limited to five years. In case of a positive tenure evaluation, the assistant professor will be promoted to a permanent full professorship.

Candidates may **either focus on societal (macro-level) or on individual (micro-level) issues of communication and media research** from a social scientific perspective. The former includes but is not limited to research fields like journalism research, democracy, political communication and the public sphere; cultural and media industries and economics; media systems; and/or media policy and regulation. The latter includes but is not limited to research fields like media reception, use, and effects; audience research; and/or media content and performance. Regardless of a candidate's field of specialization, they should show an interest in the implications of the digital transformation of communication and media.

Candidates must have completed a Ph.D. in communication studies or a related discipline. In order to promote up-and-coming researchers, the university especially invites scholars younger than 35-40 to apply. Candidates should have demonstrated research ability, a publication record appropriate for early career scholars as well as the potential for publishing in quality journals and for attracting externally funded research. Moreover, they should be committed to teaching excellence, have some professional international experience, and have sound skills in (quantitative and/or qualitative) social scientific research methods.

The teaching load is 4 to 6 hours per week and includes courses in the French-language Bachelor program "Sciences de la communication et des medias" as well as in the bilingual French/English Master program "Business Communication".

Candidates should have **high command of both French and English**. Administrative languages at the University of Fribourg are German and French. Thus, a passive knowledge of German is expected in the medium term. The salary is competitive. The University of Fribourg provides equal opportunities for women and men and aims at achieving gender balance.

Candidates should send their complete application in a single PDF file that includes

- a cover letter describing their motivation and qualification for the position;
- a CV including lists of publications, presentations, teaching experience, research grants, and academic service;
- teaching evaluations (if available);
- a one-page statement of research interests and a one-page statement of teaching philosophy;
- the names of three professional references

to the dean's office (decanat-ses@unifr.ch) and to Mrs. Anne-Marie Carrel, administration secretary at the DCM (anne-marie.carrel@unifr.ch), until **April 1, 2019**.