

PhD position in Political Communication and Media

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (SES) at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, invites applications for a PhD position at the Chair of Political Communication and Media. The successful candidate will work as a teaching and research assistant at the Department of Communication and Media Research (DCM) and write a PhD dissertation under the supervision of Professor Alexandra Feddersen.

The DCM provides an outstanding research environment based on interdisciplinary, innovative and dynamic collaborations at the interface between communication, media, economics and society. Unique in its bilingualism, located at the heart of Europe, and renowned for its rigorous training and research, the University of Fribourg is a decisive stepping stone towards a rewarding career in research.

Information

Start date: April 15, 2024, or to be agreed
Contract duration: 5 years (1 year; renewable 4 years)
Employment rate: 100%; the salary will be established according to the guidelines of the University of Fribourg.

Profile

Interests: You are creative, autonomous and motivated about research in social sciences. You can work independently as well as in a team. You are interested in pursuing research in the one or several of the following areas:
- political communication,
- the functioning of the media and media selection mechanisms,
- social media and democratic challenges.

Skills: Ideally, you are proficient in quantitative methods of data gathering and data analysis commonly applied in social sciences. Knowledge of programming languages (e.g., R, Python), experimental methods and/or qualitative methods is considered an additional asset.

Education: You have obtained a Master's degree in communication or in a closely related field.

Languages: Proficiency in French and a good command of English; knowledge of German is considered an additional asset.

Application

Questions: Questions regarding the position and/or application can be sent to Jolanda Wehrli (jolanda.wehrli@unifr.ch).

Documents: The application must contain:
- a cover letter specifying research interests and motivations,
- a CV containing the names of two academic references,
- transcripts of completed academic training,
- a one-page summary of the Master thesis, and
- other relevant certificates (e.g., TOEFL, ...) or documents (e.g., evaluation of Master thesis).

The evaluation of the applications will focus on the applicant's academic background, interests, and potential for academic success. Admission to the doctoral studies is subject to the rules of the SES Faculty.

Deadline: The application must be sent as one single PDF document to Jolanda Wehrli (jolanda.wehrli@unifr.ch) by March 15, 2024.