

PhD position in Communication and Media Studies

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (SES) at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, invites applications for a 5-years PhD position at the Chair of Communication and Media Studies. The successful candidate will work as a teaching and research assistant at the Department of Communication and Media Research (DCM) and write a doctoral thesis under the supervision of professor Thilo von Pape.

The DCM offers an outstanding and supportive research environment based on interdisciplinary and innovative collaborations at the interface between communication, media, business and society. Unique in its bilingualism, located in the heart of Europe, and renowned for its rigorous training and research, the University of Fribourg affords a decisive first step towards a rewarding research career.

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 a creative and autonomous person, and you enjoy the theories and methods of social research. You can work both independently and as part of a team. You are interested in the following areas:
- qualitative or quantitative methods of social research,
- uses, effects, and social issues of media innovations: equal access, everyday appropriation, well-being, privacy, sustainability...
- digital communication: social networks, smartphones, artificial intelligence...

Skills: Ideally, you are proficient in the qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection and analysis applied in the social sciences; expertise in software tools (R, Python, NVivo...) is considered an additional asset.

Education: You have obtained a master's degree in communication studies or in a closely related social science (sociology, psychology...) with a focus on empirical research. The admission to doctoral studies is subject to the conditions of the SES Faculty.

Languages: Proficiency in French and a good command of English. Notions in German and a commitment to perfect your skills in these languages are appreciated.

Application

Questions: Please address any questions regarding the position and/or the application to Thilo von Pape (thilo.vonpape@unifr.ch), with the object "PhD position".

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,
- summary of the Master thesis on one page,
- other relevant certificates (e.g., TOEFL) or documents (e.g., evaluation of Master thesis).

The evaluation will focus on your academic record, interests, attitude, and the ensuing potential for academic success; it is committed to diversity and inclusion.

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