

Teaching and research assistant and 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: September 1, 2024, or to be agreed
Contract duration: 5 years (1 year; renewable 4 years)
Employment rate: 100%; the salary is 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:
- **uses, effects, and social issues of media innovations:** equal access, everyday appropriation, well-being, privacy, sustainability,
- **digital communication:** mobile media, social networks, human-machine communication, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, internet of things.

Skills: You are proficient in qualitative or quantitative methods of data collection and analysis applied in the social sciences; expertise in software tools (R, SPSS, NVivo, Python...) 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: You should have at least an intermediate command of French (CEFR B1) and English. As the position involves teaching and supervising students in French, we expect you to enhance your French skills towards proficiency if necessary. The University of Fribourg provides a motivating environment and offers free language courses.

Application

Questions: Please address any questions to Thilo von Pape (thilo.vonpape@unifr.ch).

Documents: Include the following documents in your application:
- a **cover letter** specifying research interests and motivations,
- a **CV** containing the names of two academic references,
- **transcripts** of completed academic training,
- a **summary of the Master thesis** on one page,
- possibly additional **certificates** (e.g., for language skills) or documents (e.g., evaluation of Master thesis).

The evaluation will focus on your academic record, interests, attitude, and ensuing potential for academic success, with a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Deadline: Please submit the application in a single PDF document to Thilo von Pape at thilo.vonpape@unifr.ch by June 8, 2024.