

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 Assistant 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 management. With its emphasis on rigorous training and high-quality research, the SES Faculty provides a decisive first step for a successful research career.

Information

Start date: February 1st, 2022, 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: The candidate is creative, motivated and passionate about research. She/he can work independently as well as in a team. She/he is ideally interested in one or more of the following areas:

- political communication;
- media selection mechanisms and/or media organizations;
- digital media;
- quantitative content analysis and/or computer-assisted text analysis;
- surveys and/or survey-embedded experiments.

Skills: Proficiency in basic quantitative methods commonly applied in social sciences. Knowledge of experimental methods, programming languages (e.g., R, Python) and/or qualitative methods is considered an additional asset.

Education: Master's degree in communication or closely related field. The evaluation of the applications will focus on the applicant's background, interests, attitude and potential for academic success. Admission to the doctoral studies is subject to the rules of the SES Faculty.

Languages: Full proficiency in French; effective operational proficiency in English; good 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; and
- other relevant certificates (e.g., TOEFL, GMAT, ...) or documents (e.g., evaluation of Master thesis).

Deadline: The application must be sent as one single PDF document to Jolanda Wehrli (jolanda.wehrli@unifr.ch) by December 1st, 2021.