

The University of Fribourg offers a stimulating, multilingual environment that privileges innovative and interdisciplinary approaches. The Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies invites applications for a

**Postdoctoral Researcher Position (Doktorassistent, 75%, 5-year fixed term) from
1 September 2023**

at the Chair of European Studies (Prof. Dr. Natasha Wunsch)

The newly appointed Chair conducts research on European integration with a special focus on challenges to democracy drawing on quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods approaches.

The position entails:

- Conducting independent research in the field of European Politics, preferably in the research area of the professorship (e.g. democracy and democratic backsliding, rise of populism, Euroscepticism, EU enlargement)
- Collaborating in research activities and the preparation of grant applications
- Limited teaching in the MA programme on European Studies (1 course per semester)
- Supervising of student projects and placements at the MA level

Requirements:

- Doctorate/PhD (or very close to completion) in Political Science or a related discipline
- Experience conducting empirical research in the area of European Politics
- Excellent methodological skills; openness to qualitative and quantitative methods; experience with experimental approaches desirable
- High competence to work independently as well as to collaborate in a team
- Proficiency in English; additional fluency in German and/or French strongly desirable

What we offer:

- 5-year fixed-term contract with a starting date on 1 September 2023 or later by mutual agreement
- Competitive salary in accordance with remuneration regulations of the Canton of Fribourg
- Flexible work arrangement alternating between presence work and mobile work
- Additional funding for research activities (conference travel, additional training, data collection etc.) is available
- Integration into Swiss and international networks, including the Swiss PhD Network in Democracy Studies

Please send your application electronically as a single pdf file to natasha.wunsch@unifr.ch. The file should contain a motivation letter, CV, publication list, a writing sample, transcripts, teaching evaluations (if available) and the contact details of two people willing to serve as references. Review of applications will begin on **1 April 2023**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Informal enquiries can be directed to Prof. Dr. Natasha Wunsch (natasha.wunsch@unifr.ch). Information about the department is available at <https://www.unifr.ch/europastudien/de>.