

PROFESSOR POSITION IN NEUROLOGY (OPEN RANK)

The Faculty of Science and Medicine of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, announces the opening of a position of Full Professor in Neurology (70-80%).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The successful candidate should be MD and have a speciality in Neurology. She/he should have a broad experience in research and teaching at university level, both on Bachelor and Master level in various domains (clinical neurology, pathophysiology, systemic neuroscience, etc.). Courses are taught in French and/or German.

Qualified applicants must have an outstanding track record of successful independent research. The successful candidate will develop an internationally recognized competitive research programme sustained by external funding. Collaboration with local research groups and clinic activities are desirable.

Seeking to promote an equitable representation of women and men, the University strongly encourages applications from women.

Having signed the DORA declaration, the University of Fribourg emphasizes qualitative assessment of academic achievement.

A clinical activity (e.g. 20%-30%) is possible in the neurology service of the Cantonal Hospital Fribourg.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Hard copies of the following documents should be forwarded to the mailing address below:

1. a covering letter mentioning the position for which the candidate is applying (Professor of Neurology)
2. a complete curriculum vitae, including a copy of the diploma of the highest degree
3. a complete list of publications (highlighting specifically the 5 most important contributions)
4. a detailed record of teaching experience
5. a record of past and present funding
6. a 1-2-page description of the research that the candidate intends to conduct in Fribourg
7. the names and addresses (postal and e-mail) of three persons who could be contacted as referees

Deadline: the applications have to reach the Dean's office before 30 September 2021.

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Please also send an **electronic version of the application** ("**name.pdf**") and PDF versions of the 5 most relevant publications ("**name-papers.pdf**") to the Faculty Administrator at the Dean's Office (franziska.schumacher@unifr.ch; CC: dean-scimed@unifr.ch) and specify as subject of the email "PROFESSOR POSITION IN NEUROLOGY".).

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Medicine Section belongs to a joint Faculty of Science and Medicine of the University of Fribourg, which facilitates cooperation between medicine and basic science disciplines such as physics, chemistry or biology and offers many possibilities for collaboration and shared use of infrastructure.

Sections and Departments

The **Science Section** is composed of six departments and one institute, the **Medicine Section** is composed of five departments and one institute (see <http://www3.unifr.ch/scimed/fr/org>).

The **Medicine Section** of the Faculty of Science and Medicine hosts currently 30 professors, distributed into five research departments:

- Endocrinology, Metabolic Science and Cardiovascular System (DepEMC)
- Medicine and community health and the Institute of Family Medicine (DepMPH)
- Medical-Surgical Specialties (DepMSS)
- Neurosciences and Movement Science (DepNMS)
- Oncology, Microbiology and Immunology (DepOMI)

The section covers different teaching domains, namely Macroanatomy, Histology, Physiology, Immunology, Sport Sciences, Basic Clinical Sciences (Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology), Clinical Medicine (Cardiology, Neurology, Endocrinology, Psychiatry, and Family Medicine), Medical Humanities as well as expertise in Medical Education. Clinical teaching is ensured in collaboration with the HFR (hôpital fribourgeois) and the RFSM (Réseau fribourgeois de santé mentale) and the general practitioners.

Study programmes

The Medicine Section offers three-year Bachelor degree curricula: a BMed in Human Medicine, a BSc in Biomedical Sciences and a BSc in Sport Sciences and Motor Control. Started in September 2019, the new Master of Medicine prepares 40 medical students for the Swiss federal licencing examination (FLE) and is characterized by a strong interest in Family Medicine.

In addition, two 1.5-year Master degree curricula are offered: an MSc in Sport Sciences and Motor Control and a specialized MSc in Experimental Biomedical Research. Additionally, a joint Master programme in Biomedical Sciences is offered by the Universities of Fribourg and Bern.

Research

Research currently conducted in the Medicine Section embraces a variety of topics, at the moment concentrated in 6 clusters: (i) cancer, immunology and microbiology; (ii) neuroscience; (iii) cardiovascular system, metabolism and endocrinology; (iv) medical humanities; (v) medical education and (vi) community and family medicine. Further research clusters are foreseen and will rely on the orientations of the futures professors.

The Faculty hosts facilities with opportunity for research in different animal species (invertebrates, rodents, primates).

Please find further information about the Medicine Section in the "Scientific Report":

<https://www.unifr.ch/med/fr/research/scientific-report.html>.

Languages

The University of Fribourg is bilingual. Teaching to medical students at the Bachelor (BMed) and Master (MMed) level is in French or in German. Students are expected to understand both languages, but can take their exams in either language.

Master of Science and PhD programmes are taught mainly in English. Candidates are expected to have a working knowledge of all three languages or be willing to acquire such knowledge within a few years.

INFRASTRUCTURE, POSITIONS AND FUNDING

Infrastructure

Rooms and facilities

The Professor of Neurology and her/his research Unit will have their offices and laboratories in building PER08 and in the Cantonal Hospital of Fribourg (HFR). The new professor will have access to the 'Laboratory for Cognitive and Neurological Science' (CNS) and the 'Brain Imaging and Stimulation Platform' (BIS). Equipment that is needed for teaching and research such as (repetitive) Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS), Electrical Neuroimaging (EEG), Eye-tracking / head-tracking, Functional and Structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Psychophysics is available.

Integration at HFR

Integration at the HFR is envisaged in general neurology and acute neurology.

Computers

The University's computer service supplies all Departmental members (academic and technical staff) with state-of-the-art PCs or Macs and appropriate office, reference, statistical and graphics software. Specific research software can also be supported for research purposes, and in this case, a request to the DIT (Direction Informatics) must be made.

Positions

The new Professor of Neurology will receive the following dotation:

- 140% Postdoc
- 25% Secretary (occupied)
- 100% Technician (occupied)

For informatics support, the new colleague will have access to the informatics team of Section Medicine and there is also access foreseen to the mechanical and electronics workshop, as well as to a pool of animal care personnel.

Financial support

Set-up funding

- Installation credit for research activities, according to the needs, the usual amounts of the Faculty and the resources available
- Resources for computing material will be at the new professor's disposal

Running expenses

- Participation in the annual credits (operating, equipment, informatics, library)
- Separate credits for teaching activities

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