2 FULL TIME RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Start date: 01/10/2024

Job Description

The Faculty of Philosophy and social sciences at the ULB seeks to recruit two full-time teaching assistants in political science. The qualified candidates will be in charge of teaching and supervising students in its Bachelor and masters’ programmes (see https://phisoc.ulb.be/version-anglaise/the-faculty/department-of-political-science), as well as marking or administrative tasks.

In addition, the qualified candidates will be required to carry out a PhD dissertation. To do so, they will have to demonstrate an ability to conduct research at an excellent level. This competence will be evaluated based on the research project submitted with the application, but also on their master thesis and their academic background.

The advertised position is for a duration of two years, renewable twice for a maximum of 6 years. The main goals of the position are to take on teaching-related tasks and to complete a PhD dissertation, the teaching and research tasks being balanced.

Qualifications required

Master (120 credits) in political science or equivalent and/or meeting the conditions to enroll in the PhD programme in Political Science.

Skills required

The qualified candidates will conduct a PhD dissertation and participate to research activities in one of the Faculty’s research units attached to the department of political science (CTP, CEVIPOL, REPI, CEPAP – see https://phisoc.ulb.be/version-anglaise/research-centers).

They will undertake teaching tasks in the various sub-fields in political science (political theory, comparative politics, political sociology, international relations, methods) as well as general duties (supervision and grading of exams, stands at study fairs, etc.). competences and interest for pedagogy will be positively evaluated.

The qualified candidate will be able to assume their teaching tasks in French or English.

Knowledge and skills required:
- Mastering of the main concepts, approaches and methods in political science, evaluated based on academic background;
- Ability to conduct research and writing skills, evaluated based on the PhD research project and the master thesis;
- Pedagogical and oral communication skills;
- Knowledge of French and English (B2 proficiency level or higher required);
- Ability to work in a team.

Courses covered
The teaching tasks will be established by the pedagogical coordination of the department. They will include the supervision of exercise groups, seminars, or grading of exams. A typical TA position includes 4 teaching duties per academic year.

Interested?
For more information, please contact Mr Julien Jeandesboz, Chair of the Department of political science (telephone: +32 2 650 33 84 – E-mail: julien.jeandesboz@ulb.be).

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (rectrice@ulb.be) and to the faculty deanship (spes.philoscsoc@ulb.be).

They must include the following:
- a motivation letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications:
  if you want you can complete a standard form via our website at https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/completer-votre-cv-en-ligne. Once completed, it must be downloaded and attached to the application file.
- a note on the applicant’s PhD research project (4 pages)
- two letters of reference

By applying for this position, candidates accept that the report of the scientific search committee will be made available online on the Faculty’s intranet for a short and well-defined period of time, so that the Faculty’s academic staff can have access to it during the selection process.

Equal opportunities policy
ULB’s personnel management policy is geared towards diversity and equal opportunities.

We recruit candidates on the basis of their skills, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, origin, nationality, beliefs, disability, etc.

Would you like to be provided with reasonable accommodation in the selection procedure because of a disability, disorder, or illness? Please contact Marie Botty, the person in charge of diversity aspects for the academic and scientific staff (marie.botty@ulb.be). Be assured of the confidentiality of this information.

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