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Application deadline: 28/02/2019
Start date: 01/10/2019

Job description

Full-time academic position in sociology (qualitative research methods). The successful candidate will be invited to be a full participant in all the tasks of teaching and supervision (teaching, supervision of MA thesis and doctoral students), of research and of administration in the Department of Social Sciences and Labour Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy and social sciences. Scientific expertise in the field of social sciences attested by publications in high-profile journals and/or with established publishers is required. The candidate will have an excellent level in both French and English, eventually allowing him/her to teach in each of these languages. She/He will contribute to the international influence, scientific and academic, of the Free University of Brussels (ULB).

The successful candidate will be invited to apply for a grant from the European Research Council (ERC) and for any sources of outside funding (FNRS, European Programmes, Regional funds, etc...) enabling them to develop their research. The ULB Research Department will assist with applications.

Area of Research: Sociology

Educational and scientific goals:

Description of Scientific and Pedagogical Objectives: This Chair in Sociology will first offer courses on qualitative research methods. It includes three different courses, one of which will have to be taught twice each year. Two of these courses are already existing courses, namely [a] a course in qualitative methodology focused on the research interview, which will have to be provided both on the campus of the ulb in Brussels and in the evening on the campus of the university. [b] a course related to the vocational training course in sociology in the master in sociology. Candidates will be invited to formulate another original course proposal in a field of sociology relevant to the Department of Social Sciences and Labour Studies. Finally, as for the research component included in the position, the candidate will have to carry out research in a field of sociology relevant to research axes already present in the centres of the Institute of Sociology (http://is.ulb.ac.be), and to promote doctoral and postdoctoral research in this perspective.

Courses covered at the time of recruitment:

- Méthodologie de l’entretien (Théorie, 24h à Bruxelles et 24h en soirée à Charleroi), niveau BA (Bruxelles) et MA (Charleroi).
- Stage d’immersion en sociologie (Séminaire, 24h ; Travaux personnels), niveau MA.
Qualifications required:

PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in Social Sciences, preferably in Sociology

Skills required

- Applicants should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of their recruitment.
- Post-doctoral experience and an excellent scientific record are a plus.
- Exchange periods outside of the applicants’ home institution (during or after their PhD) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.
- Applicants who do not speak French (level C1) may be granted a period of adaptation, but they must be able to teach in French at the end of the third year following their appointment.

Interested?

For more information, please contact the Head of the Department, Joël Noret (phone: 32 2 650 34 22 – e-mail: jnoret@ulb.ac.be).

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

They must include the following:

- an application letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications (a template can be downloaded at http://www.ulb.ac.be/tools/CV-type.rtf)
- any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant’s research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB’s research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant’s previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- a note on the applicant’s international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
- the names and e-mail addresses of five referees (respecting the gender balance) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at “Premier Assistant” level, if the candidate has had a PhD for less than eight years (on 1 October of the year of appointment). If the candidate has had a PhD for eight or more years, on 1 October of the year of appointment, then the appointment is made at “Chargé de Cours” level. As of their appointment, members of academic staff are authorised to use the honorary title of “Professeur”.

By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to research staff, available at the following address http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.