FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN PUBLIC ECONOMICS

FACULTY SOLVAY BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

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Start date: 01/10/2022

Job description

The Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM) is the faculty of Economics and Management of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). The faculty’s mission is to have a decisive and positive impact on how economic and business challenges are addressed. With a strong emphasis on quantitative methods, we produce pioneering research and educate women and men to become true leaders and entrepreneurs in their field.

SBS-EM consists of a vibrant mix of people interested in management, economics and finance. The faculty actively strives to create and maintain an intellectually stimulating environment, advancing scientific knowledge, while at the same time contributing to the development of effective practices and life-long learning for organizations. SBS-EM is FT-ranked (70th in 2020) and EQUIS and AMBA accredited.

Description of the Chair in Public Economics

Area of research:

The successful candidate will have a strong background in public economics, broadly defined, and have practical exposure (through empirical research or otherwise) to some key regulated sector(s). There are no restrictions on subdisciplines, but everything else equal, preference will be given to research profiles with a link to regulation and infrastructure. The successful candidate will collaborate closely with SBS-EM and ULB faculty members in the disciplines relevant for their research agenda. Members of the faculty are for instance active in the fields of political and institutional economics, international economics, sustainable development, welfare economics, public management, among others.

Educational and scientific goals:

The selected candidate will contribute to research, teaching and outreach in public economics and regulation at SBS-EM. Specifically, s/he will be expected to

- develop and/or expand on his/her research agenda while fostering interdisciplinary research collaborations, seeking funding for research projects in the field and publishing in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals;
- contribute to education (bachelor, master and PhD education) by developing knowledge, skills and competences related to public economics, providing the necessary tools and insights for “evidence-based” research;
- interact closely with practitioners and engaging with concrete issues of organisations in Brussels, either national or international.

Courses covered at the time of recruitment:
Candidates will be expected to contribute to SBS-EM’s core courses and programs in public economics and to supervise on average 6 master theses per year in this field. In the long-run, candidates will be requested to teach 4 courses of 5 ECTS (approximately 24 contact hours) per year. The envisaged teaching assignment for the first year consists of ECON-S-421 Economics of Regulation and ECON-S424 Cost benefit analysis of public decisions at the master level and one section of ECONS307 Applied Economics Workshop at the bachelor level.

Qualifications required
PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in economics or closely related fields.

Skills required

- Candidates should have a proven record and/or pipeline of high-quality publications in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals and be able to write grant proposals in the field.
- A minimum of 4-year scientific career at the time of hiring is required. Doctoral research years count towards this qualification.
- Both postdoctoral experience and exchange periods outside of the applicants’ home institution (during or after their PhD) will be considered as a plus.
- Candidates should already have some teaching experience at university level.
- A good command of English at an academic level (depending on the field, level C1 is required),
- For non-French speaking natives a learning period may be granted, but candidates must be capable of teaching in French at the end of the third year following their appointment.

Interested?

For more information, please contact Bram De Rock, vice-dean of research of the faculty, (bram.de.rock@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 (dean-office-sbs-em@ulb.be).

They must include the following:

- an application 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 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 recruiting committee will select the candidates on the basis of the following criteria: quality of the research project and scientific publications, pedagogical project with respect to teaching public economics to different types of audiences and teaching experience at different levels, international experience and academic collaborations, experience in institutional relationships and networking capabilities. SBS-EM uses an extensive ranking of journals to measure research output and uses this, together with other standard research outputs, for tenure and promotion decisions.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at the “Chargé de Cours” (Associate Professor) level. The exact wage scale depends on the seniority level, which in turn depends on the total years of postdoctoral experience.

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? Do not hesitate to contact Marie Botty, the Gender and Diversity resource person of the Human resources Department - SPES (marie.botty@ulb.be). Be assured of the confidentiality of this information.


You will find all the regulations relating to academic careers on our site at http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.