

Job Title: Graduate Assistant in Urban Studies

Requisition ID 12701 - Posted 12/13/2017 - Assistant - Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment - Part time - (Teaching Staff; Research)

Introduction

The University of Lausanne is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 14,300 students and nearly 3,900 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

Presentation

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill two positions of Graduate Assistant, for a maximum period of 5 years. These positions are linked to the urban planning team led by Professor Jean Ruegg.

The IGD is an interdisciplinary community of about 100 academics that work on space, place and the environment. With 15 professors and close to 40 PhD students, the department offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for cutting-edge research. It hosts regular lecture series and distinguished guest researchers from around the world. The post is located in the research group *Urban Studies*, the largest of the institute's six groups.

Job information

Starting date : 01.04.2018 (or agreed upon date)

Contract length : 1 year, renewable 2 x 2 years, maximum 5 years

Activity rate : 80%

Workplace : Lausanne, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will develop independent research leading to a PhD in the broad field of urban studies. She or he will enjoy considerable freedom in defining the topic of the thesis. It should, however, relate to one or more of the following themes:

- housing policy
- land management / land use planning
- real estate studies.

The candidate will devote at least 50% of working time to her/his PhD research, with the remaining time reserved for supporting teaching and research in the IGD urban studies group as a graduate assistant.

Your qualifications

The successful candidate is expected to have earned a Master's degree in urban geography, urban studies, urban planning, political science, urban history or a related field relevant to the post.

Expertise in qualitative methods and fieldwork is requested as well as an interest either into relational planning or to translate STS (Science and Technology Studies) concepts and methods into the field of urban studies. Skills and commitment to work in an interdisciplinary group are required. French and English language proficiency is expected (French is the working language of the urban studies group at IGD as well as the teaching language at UNIL). Good command of German would be an asset.

What the position offers you

We offer a stimulating work environment and esprit de corps, with dedicated support for developing an academic career.

Members of our research group become part of international networks and benefit from opportunities to attend conferences and workshops around the world.

We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences.

Contact for further information

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Your application

Deadline : 2nd of February 2018

Please, send your full application in Word or PDF with :

- letter of motivation with a clear mention of the position (either Urban Studies or Legal Geography)
- full CV
- a short (2-3 pages) proposal for doctoral research
- scans of university degrees and course transcripts/marks
- one piece of research (e.g. Master's thesis, research paper, publication)

Only applications through this website will be taken into account.

We thank you for your understanding.

Additional information

Research group Urban Studies: <http://unil.ch/igd/home/menuguid/english/research/urban-studies.html>

Kurath M. Marskamp M., Paulos J., and J. Ruegg (eds). 2017. *Relational Planning : Tracing Artefacts, Agency and Practices*. Cham : Palgrave Macmillan.

The favorite networks of the urban planning team are :

- The Planning Law and Property Rights International Academic Association (plpr-association.org).
- Association Fonciers en débat (www.fonciers-en-debat.com).
- Swiss Real Estate Research Group (www.srerc.ch).

UNIL is committed to promoting gender equality and strongly encourages applications from female candidates.