

Position Announcement

Assistant Professor of Political Science – Comparative Politics

Franklin University Switzerland seeks applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science with a focus on Comparative Politics. The position is full-time, renewable, and with a clear promotion ladder. The position is scheduled to begin in Fall 2022, pending funding.

Consistent with the mission of the University, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to excellence in both teaching and scholarship. Ideally, candidates will be conversant in one of the official languages of Switzerland.

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. at the time of hire with a specialization in Comparative Politics. The successful candidate's research interest will cluster around the comparative analysis of political institutions and processes, political communication and participation, and / or political cultures. Candidates with research interests in the field of comparative public policy are especially encouraged to apply. We welcome the application of scholars utilizing qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods approaches. The successful candidate will have a well-established research agenda and the potential to successfully apply for competitive Swiss and EU funded projects in the future.

Franklin University Switzerland is committed to excellence in teaching, and the successful candidate will share such a commitment, potentially with a focus on experiential learning methods. Candidates will be expected to engage in interdisciplinary teaching, and contribute to the Academic Travel program, which is a fundamental part of Franklin's international, interdisciplinary, and intercultural curriculum. A normal course load is six courses per year, including a course with an Academic Travel component (18 Carnegie credit units / 36-38 ECTS annually).

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to support the development of a graduate program, in which they are expected to eventually also teach. As such, candidates with a strong commitment to institutional service, a high degree of motivation for organizing events, and a passion for creating innovative programs are especially encouraged to apply.

Videoconferencing interviews will be followed by on-campus interviews for finalists. Please submit in a single PDF document containing a letter of application, CV with names and contact information for three references, a writing sample, and recent teaching evaluations to POLsearch@fus.edu.

Review of applications will begin February 1, 2022, and continue on a rolling basis.

Franklin University Switzerland is a non-profit private university located in Lugano, accredited in both the USA and Switzerland to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees. Its undergraduate majors and pre-professional programs in the social sciences, natural sciences and the humanities are informed by the liberal arts and sciences.

Franklin University Switzerland is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We welcome and encourage applications from racialized persons/visible minorities, women, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, as well as from all qualified candidates with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse international communities. For further information, please see www.fus.edu.