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Full Professor position in geomorphology

Detailed information

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment at the University of Lausanne invites applications for a professor position in geomorphology. The current search is for a candidate in the general area of earth surface processes. A specific focus on fluvial geomorphology would be an asset.

The successful candidate will be integrated into and help strengthen the existing center of competence in mountain geomorphology at the Institute of Geography (IGUL). IGUL is part of a multi-disciplinary faculty of geosciences and environmental sciences (FGSE).

Teaching

The candidate must have a strong commitment to excellence in teaching geomorphology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, with a particular emphasis on earth surface processes, and applied methods in geomorphology. Teaching activities will also include participating in doctoral programs and supervising Master and PhD theses.

Research

The successful candidate is expected to develop an internationally competitive research program, interact and create synergies with researchers of the Institute of Geography and other members of the Faculty of Geosciences and Environment. The candidate is expected to attract external funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation, and European or international programs.

Administration

The successful candidate will participate in administrative tasks within the Institute and the faculty, including various committees of the Faculty of Geosciences and Environment.

Specific qualifications

- A proven ability to conduct high-quality, thematic teaching and research in the area covering the analysis of earth surface processes.
- An internationally recognized record for high quality, high visibility research in the earth surface processes domain and an established international research network.
- An excellent command of teaching, research and related methods in geomorphology (fieldwork, modeling).
- An interest in sub-themes such as: fluvial geomorphology, paleoenvironmental studies, sediment budgets, watershed management or geomorphology applied to land use planning.

The candidate should be able to communicate in French and English after 2 years. Knowledge of German is considered an asset in the Swiss environment. If French is not the native language, teaching ability in French has to be acquired within two years of the appointment.

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General information

The Institute of Geography (IGUL) was founded in 1948. It trains geographers who develop both versatile and specific skills. More than forty researchers are participating in teaching activities in terms at the bachelor's, master's and postgraduate levels. Two main areas of research, "alpine environments" and "urban studies", allow researchers to study the relations between the biophysical and social dimensions of space, with a perspective of territorial sustainability.

IGUL was a co-founder of the Faculty of Geosciences and Environment [FGSE] of the University of Lausanne in 2003. The FGSE was created from the merger of three Earth Sciences institutes and IGUL. In 2004 and 2005 two new institutes (Institute of Geomatics and Risk Analysis [IGAR], Institute of Land Use Policies and Human Environment [IPTEH]) were added. The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment is a transdisciplinary structure, committed to combining and exploring fundamental skills from natural and human sciences. Its study object is the earth, with a focus on the human being, both as an actor and target within a natural and social environment.

In order to meet its goals in terms of teaching and research, the Faculty is part of a larger network composed of several institutional partners from the University of Lausanne and, most notably, from the Universities of Fribourg [UNIFR], Geneva [UNIGE], and Neuchâtel [UNINE] and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne [EPFL]. It also works with regional, national or international partners. Within this network of collaboration, geosciences have a central role. A hallmark of the Faculty's vitality is the number of young researchers from different backgrounds who vibrantly develop innovative research and ideas.

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment enjoys an exceptionally green lakeside setting. The Campus is only few minutes away from the center of Lausanne by public transport. Lausanne is the capital city of the Canton de Vaud. It is renowned for the quality and the variety of its cultural activities.

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