FACULTY VACANCY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN RESEARCH METHODS
(Quantitative Social Science Research Methods)

(full-time – permanent contract)

Vesalius College Brussels invites applications for a full-time position at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning 1 August 2016. Applications from candidates with an interdisciplinary background and expertise in social science research methods and with an emphasis on quantitative methods are particularly welcome. In line with the department’s emphasis on “TPEL” (Theory- Practice-Embedded and Experiential Learning) candidates should have a strong background and interest in theory-guided and policy-oriented work from a European and Global Perspective. The position is envisaged to be permanent, in the case of a positive evaluation after the first year.

Main Responsibilities and Scope of the Position

The newly recruited Assistant Professor of Research Methods will

- serve as the key faculty professor for interdisciplinary Social Science research methods, which successfully trains and prepares students in the areas of Business Studies, Communications, International Affairs and Law
- teach five core undergraduate courses per year in ‘Introduction to Research Methods’ (100-level), ‘Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods’, ‘Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods’ (200-level) and ‘Advanced Research Methods’ (300-level)
- The above-mentioned courses should cover common methods and skills, such as descriptive statistics and explorative data research, correlation and regression, probability, sampling design, sampling distributions, inference (for averages, proportions, and regression), analysis of variance, nonparametric test
- Expertise in qualitative methods is considered a plus, particularly in the areas of focus groups, process-tracing, case studies, rhetorical and critical analysis, the design of questionnaires, structured and semi-structured interviews, content and discourse analysis and mixed research methods,
- contribute to the College’s internationally peer-reviewed research and grant acquisitions
- actively contribute to the College’s new initiatives in innovative teaching and institutional development

Main Qualifications and Expertise:

- PhD in any of the College’s main subject areas (Business/Economics, Communication Studies, International Relations/Political Science or Sociology) with a strong emphasis on quantitative research methods (completed by the time of the appointment in August 2016)
- A strong commitment to teaching excellence and continuous improvement in the area of innovative and student-centred teaching/learning strategies
- Excellent teaching evaluations and evidence of effective, interactive and engaging teaching in English
- Proven track-record of internationally peer-reviewed research or high research potential
- Ability to attract external funding and research grants
- Strong sense of initiative and entrepreneurial spirit
- Knowledge of, and experience in working within, US or other Anglo-Saxon university environments is highly desired

Terms
The salary for this position at 600 level depends on the candidate's level of experience.

Benefits include holiday allowance, end-of-year bonus, hospitalisation insurance, public transport coverage, and a green campus with sports and restaurant facilities.

Full-time faculty members also receive contributions to travel and research-related costs as well as budgets for organizing conferences, workshops and events.

This position is envisaged to be permanent. Upon a positive evaluation of the candidate after one year, the contract will become permanent.

Work Conditions and Work/Life Balance
Vesalius College seeks to attract the best, brightest and most ambitious scholars with a passion for innovative teaching. It therefore places high value on excellence in research, teaching innovation and on entrepreneurial spirit for collectively advancing the development of the College and all its departments. Yet, the College also strives to allow its staff to flourish in an environment that values intellectual curiosity and an appropriate work/life balance. As a result, the College strives to keep the administrative burden of its faculty members at a minimum level, in order to allow faculty to focus on the core areas of teaching, research and service to the College's development and the Brussels/European community.

About Vesalius College, Brussels
Vesalius College, Brussels is a US-style Liberal Arts College with a strong commitment to innovative teaching as well as conceptual and policy-oriented research in the areas of business/economics, communications, international affairs/international relations and international law. It offers 3-year Bachelor programmes in Business, Communications, International & European Law and International Affairs as well as the Certificate Programme in European Peace & Security Studies and the Executive Course in Global Risk Analysis and Crisis Management, all taught in English. Founded in 1987 by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Boston University, Vesalius College offers American-style education that includes small classes, high teacher/student ratios and participatory classroom experiences. The College has a highly international student and faculty body and promotes ‘Theory-Guided, Practice-Embedded and Experiential Learning’ (TPEL) with strong links to Brussels’ business, legal, media and policymaking communities.

For more information about Vesalius College, please visit www.vesalius.edu and for questions about the position, please contact Prof. Dr. Joachim Koops, Dean of Vesalius College (jkoops@vub.ac.be)

How to apply?
To apply, send your CV, a letter of motivation and a list of two referees by 4 March 2016 to employment@vesalius.edu

Interviews with selected candidates will take place during April/May 2016. Envisaged starting date for this position will be 1st August 2016.