



FACULTY VACANCY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (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 a background and expertise in one or more of the following areas are particularly welcome: peace & security studies, regionalism (e.g. expertise in the politics and international relations of one or more of the following regions: Latin America, Africa, Middle East, Asia) and history of International Relations. In line with the department's emphasis on "TPEL" (Theory-Guided, 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 International Affairs will

- teach core undergraduate courses in the fields of International Affairs, International Relations and European/Global Studies (annual course load is 30ECTS, which corresponds to 5 courses per year), covering the broad themes of peace & security, regional approaches to International Relations and history of International Relations
- contribute to the Department's internationally peer-reviewed research and grant acquisitions
- actively contribute to the College's new initiatives in innovative teaching and institutional development (e.g. the Centre of Global Peace & Security Studies and/or the Centre for European and Global Diplomacy)
- reinforce the Department's emphasis on active exchanges between academia and the Brussels-based policy-maker world and contribute to organizing events, workshops and initiatives relevant for the department
- within 1-2 years, the post-holder is expected to play a major role in the Department's Management

Main Qualifications and Expertise:

- PhD in International Relations or Political Science (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
- Evidence of expertise in contributing to policy-oriented debates and exchanges with policy-makers and think tanks
- 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 Dr. Svitlana Kobzar, Head of Department of International Affairs (skobzar@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.