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Candidates’ profile

Candidates should satisfy the following requirements:

- A Master (or equivalent title) in Philosophy by the time of the appointment.
- AOS: metaphysics, logic, philosophy of science or philosophy of mind.
- Fluency in English and Italian.

Past administrative or tutoring experience is desirable.
Contract terms

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Starting date is September 1, 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Application

Applications should contain: (1) a letter of motivation, (2) a complete CV including a list of three experts able to assess the competence of the doctoral candidate, (3) copies of relevant diplomas, certificates as well as the full transcript of records that prove the candidates’ eligibility for doctoral studies in Philosophy, (4) a writing sample (at least 3'000 words, in English).

Please send your application in electronic form (subject line: “PhD position 2021”) or requests for further information to damiano.costa@usi.ch.

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Lugano, July 5, 2021