Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative.

Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

The Chair of Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Ethics (Prof. Peter Seele) invites applications for a research and teaching PhD position (normally for four years with annual evaluations).

The PhD candidate will develop his or her dissertation project within the field of business ethics, and/or digital ethics and/or responsible lobbying.

**The Ph.D. Position**

The doctoral student will be enrolled in the PhD program (https://www.com.usi.ch/en/study-communication/phd-doctoral-studies/phd-communication-sciences). The doctoral student will work under the scientific supervision of Prof. Peter Seele (http://usi.to/m4f). The successful candidate will be offered the possibility to work in a dynamic research team and in a multidisciplinary and international scientific environment.

The PhD candidate will collaborate to the development of the chair’s research agenda. He or she will have the task of setting up a collection of data for his or her dissertation, while at the same time participating in a variety of tasks related to the research streams in which he/she is involved.

On the teaching side, he/she will work as teaching assistant in courses at either bachelor or master level, helping in the preparation of teaching materials and tutoring students.

The PhD candidate is also asked to present papers at scientific conferences, and produce publications for scientific journals.

In exceptional cases the PhD position may be turned into a PostDoc position assuming budget neutrality.

**Candidates’ profile**

Ideal candidates should meet the following requirements:
- A Master degree (or equivalent title) from the social sciences, humanities, law, psychology or related disciplines.
High personal interest in ethical questions of business, society and technology
Expertise in qualitative and quantitative research methods
Good skills in oral and written English (official language of the Ph.D. program)
  • Ability to work independently and to plan and direct own work
  • Motivation to engage in the elaboration of a PhD dissertation. Ability to work in team and autonomy in scheduling research steps. Interest for teaching and tutoring students and availability to collaborate with colleagues

Contract terms
Admission to the Ph.D. program is highly competitive. Admission decisions are based on the candidate's background, interests, attitude and potential for academic achievement. Successful enrolment in the Ph.D. program and the position as doctoral researcher are not compatible with a further professional activity.

The successful candidates will work as research assistants at the Chair of Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Ethics (Prof. Seele), and will have the possibility to interact with an international network of collaborators.

Workplace is USI Università della Svizzera italiana, located in Lugano, Switzerland. Availability to travel to other parts of Switzerland and abroad (for purposes of collaboration and research) is required.

Starting date is 01. August 2022 (at the earliest). However, the position will be kept open until a suitable candidate has been found.

The Application
Applications should contain: (1) a letter in which the applicants describe their research interests and the motivation to apply, (2) a complete CV, (3) copies of relevant diplomas, certificates as well as the full transcript of records that prove the candidates' eligibility for doctoral studies, (4) an electronic version of a research work (Master thesis or other scientific publication).

The latter must be accompanied by a short summary in English (1 page maximum).

Please send your application in electronic form in one PDF file directly to peter.seele@usi.ch (also requests for further information).

Applications received before 31. May 2022, will be given priority. However, applications will be received until the position is filled.

As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

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