Assistant Professor in Finance at USI Università della Svizzera italiana

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered 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 initiatives. Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, continuously taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

Facing today’s globalised economies requires the ability to interpret and manage complexity. Labour markets increasingly require specific skills and problem solving in environments that are in constant evolution and dominated by uncertainty. With its international and diverse faculty at the forefront of research in their respective fields, the Faculty of Economics of USI Università della Svizzera italiana is the ideal venue to acquire the skills needed to succeed in modern labour markets: competence, flexibility, and intellectual curiosity to identify fundamental issues and face them with creativity and talent.

The Professor Position

The Faculty of Economics, Institute of Finance, of the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), Lugano - Switzerland, invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor in Finance with tenure-track. Applications from all areas in the field of Finance will be considered. The recruiting committee will give special consideration to applicants who are active in the research areas of sustainability and digitalization. Outstanding candidates may apply for a SFI Junior Chair with the Swiss Finance Institute.

Candidates’ profile

The ideal candidate demonstrates ability to publish in top finance/economics journals or shows the potential to achieve such publications within the tenure-track period. The required academic qualification is a doctoral degree (PhD). Knowledge of the Italian language is not required, but it will help us to fill teaching needs in the Bachelor program.

Ideal candidates should satisfy the following requirements:

- A PhD in Finance, Economics, or related disciplines.
- Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.
- Good oral and writing skills in one (OR MORE) national Swiss languages (German, French, Italian, Romansh).
- A strong desire for research and publishing in top outlets.
- Ability to work independently and to plan and direct own work.
- Ability to work in team and autonomy in scheduling research steps. Interest for teaching and tutoring students and availability to collaborate with colleagues (engage in scientific dialogue, listen and think critically) are required.
Job description
The post-holder will be expected to:

- teach and run courses at all levels (Bachelor, Master, PhD) at an average of 100 teaching hours a year.
- promote scientific research at USI in her/his field of competence.
- take part in the faculty organisation (Faculty Board, Professors' Board, committees and other related tasks).
- contribute to the development of the USI Library in her/his field of competence.

General terms
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.

Salary will be defined according to terms and conditions as in the university Statutes (Link). The activity is scheduled to start in the first (Fall) semester of the academic year 2024-2025.

USI Università della Svizzera italiana is aware of the various and different backgrounds of its employees and, as an institution that promotes diversity and inclusion, USI particularly encourages applications by female candidates and of all under-represented categories, at all levels of the academic career.

Residence
Professors reside in Ticino, which is part of the Italian-speaking area of Switzerland. The new professor is expected to provide consistent participation in the academic activities of the university.

The Application
Application should contain:

- Application letter addressed to the Dean of the Faculty
- A detailed CV and publication list, together with copies of any relevant diploma, and teaching and professional experience records
- A copy of the most representative publications
- 3 letters of recommendation

Please submit your application at the following link https://econjobmarket.org/positions/10228. Applications received by 31 December 2023 will be given priority.

More information on Institute of Finance (IFin) and on Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) can be found at the following links: https://www.ifin.usi.ch/ and sfi.ch.

For more detailed information, please contact the Institute of Finance members of the recruiting committee Francesco Franzoni (francesco.franzoni@usi.ch) and Paul Schneider (paul.schneider@usi.ch).

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