

## Information sheet

**Associate Professorship in Sociolinguistic Methods and Analysis** in the *Center for the Study of Language and Society* of the Humanities Faculty of the University of Bern, Switzerland. The successful candidate, for administrative purposes, will be housed in the most relevant language and literature department of the Faculty (English, French, German, Italian, Slavic, Spanish) or the Department of Linguistics. The appointment will take effect from 1 August 2019 or as soon as possible at the beginning of a semester thereafter.

The Institute seeks a scholar who can work and train both *quantitatively and qualitatively* in the discipline, and impart the strengths of both to his/her students. In their own research, applicants need to work across a range of different empirical approaches and can teach courses which integrate method and hands-on practice as well as theory, including in real-world applications of sociolinguistics. Relevant subdisciplines include, but should not be seen as limited to: forensic sociolinguistics, socio-pragmatics, ethnography, linguistic anthropology, interactional sociolinguistics, variationist sociolinguistics, perceptual sociolinguistics, linguistic landscapes, applied sociolinguistics, language policy, historical sociolinguistics, critical sociolinguistics, and cognitive sociolinguistics. Candidates are required to have a habilitation-thesis or equivalent qualification – this would comprise, for example, a book or cluster of articles from a research project entirely distinct from a candidate's PhD research. Candidates should be engaged in innovative sociolinguistic research and be prepared to cooperate with colleagues of other disciplines and departments in the Faculty. A semester of sabbatical leave is normally granted after every six years of service.

Teaching duties consist of 8 hours per week of classes in each of the two semesters in the relevant Master degree courses and the Doctoral Programme in Language and Society. At present, there is no undergraduate teaching in the CSLS, but this may change in the future. The successful candidate will be expected to be active in the administration of the CSLS, including taking on the role of Director, as well as in the Faculty as a whole.

Attached to the position is a 50% postdoctoral assistantship. The assistant can be hired by the successful candidate, but must contribute towards teaching and administration in the CSLS as well as support the Associate Professor.

Associate Professors are paid on salary scale 27 of the Canton of Bern. Salaries on this scale range (in 2018) from CHF115,000 to CHF203,000 per annum depending on age and experience. See <https://www.fin.be.ch/fin/de/index/personal/anstellungsbedingungen/gehalt/Gehaltstabelle.html> for more information. The University of Bern is committed to equal opportunities in employment, in particular to increasing the number of women in senior academic positions. Women are therefore encouraged to apply.

Applications should be made online: The application portal in German is here:

[http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/ueber\\_uns/aktuell/ausschreibung\\_soziolinguistik/index\\_ger.html](http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/ueber_uns/aktuell/ausschreibung_soziolinguistik/index_ger.html)

The application portal in English is here:

[http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/about\\_us/now\\_happening/ausschreibung\\_soziolinguistik/index\\_eng.html](http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/about_us/now_happening/ausschreibung_soziolinguistik/index_eng.html)

If you have any questions about this position, please contact Prof Dr David Britain, the Director of the *Center for the Study of Language and Society* – david.britain@csls.unibe.ch