

Post-doctoral Fellowship in Health Communication

Position

The University of Lugano (Switzerland) invites applications for a position as post-doctoral fellow in the Institute of Communication and Health. The fellow will be engaged in the research programs of the Institute and will also be involved in assisting in advising and consulting with the Institute's doctoral students. Limited teaching responsibilities (no more than one course in a year) may be assigned. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree in communications or allied field (e.g., psychology, marketing, sociology) and research interests in communications and health. Potential for excellence in health communication research of international stature is essential. Experience with funded research proposal development is desirable but this will also be one aspect of the fellowship experience. The position is full-time and the duration of the fellowship is negotiable. Compensation is internationally competitive.

The Institute of Communication and Health

Led by Professor Peter J. Schulz, the Institute of Communication and Health at the University of Lugano has developed an international reputation for its research in the areas of technology and doctor-patient communication, cultural factors in health promotion campaign design, and health literacy and empowerment. A distinctive feature of the Institute is the interdisciplinary background of its research staff which draws on strengths in the humanities, social sciences, and medicine. In support of its research and doctoral training programs, the Institute garnered over 6.5 million Swiss francs (\$6.2 million) in grant funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Swiss Federal Office of Health, the European Union, and private foundations.

The University

The University of Lugano is the major university in the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland. However, the University's graduate programs are taught in English as is the case with most colloquia so that fluency in Italian, while beneficial, is not required.

Application

Application letter addressed to the Director of the Institute with curriculum vitae, copies of representative papers and publications, and the names of three references should be sent to:

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Deadline

Applications received by Dec 1, 2010 will be given priority.

The University reserves the right to appoint by invitation or not to make an appointment.

The University of Lugano seeks a diverse faculty and in that spirit particularly encourages applications from female candidates.

For more detailed information, please contact Prof. Peter J. Schulz (Peter.Schulz@usi.ch).