

The University of Lugano invites applications for a new position inside its Research Service concerning the

promotion of European Framework programs and international research programs

The Research Service is the reference point for researchers at the University of Lugano and the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland supporting them in the acquisition of third-party funding at national and international level.

In this position, your main tasks will be to promote participation to European and international research programs delivering following services:

- Diffusion of information on funding opportunities and new calls.
- Support to researchers in proposal submission, especially concerning procedures and formal aspects.
- Follow-up of the project submission and evaluation.
- Support to researchers in contract negotiation.

You will be integrated in the Swiss support network for European programs Euresearch (www.euresearch.ch) and you will be in charge of participating to its activities.

Given the small-scale of the University, you will need to provide targeted support to specific proposals rather than to manage large numbers of applications; you are expected to work proactively and flexibly, to closely cooperate with academics and to assume complex tasks like participating to project negotiations and meetings and managing informal contacts with the European Commission.

Required competences include:

- a PhD or equivalent research experience (with slight preference in technical sciences).
- previous experience in management of research and/or in European project will be a preferred title.
- excellent knowledge of English.
- working knowledge of Italian or readiness to acquire it.

The position will be in principle full-time and permanent, subject to usual contractual conditions at the University of Lugano; part-time arrangements are possible depending on other duties. Salary will be negotiated case by case depending on your profile.

To apply for this position please send to blepori@usi.ch following documents:

- a complete CV.
- a letter stating the reasons of your interest in this position.

Closing date for applications is **September 30, 2009**, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Owing to the large number of enquiries received, only those applicants whose profiles are likely to fit the positions will be notified for further details and eventual interviews.