

Faculty of Science and Technology

Position call: Associate Professorship
Mechanical design and machine construction (09/A3 –
ING-IND/14)

Position type: Permanent

Profile

The profile of the candidate must fulfil the following criteria:

- **Holder of an equivalent academic position (Associate Professor) at the candidate's current foreign university – "Direct call from abroad" according to the Italian legislation**
- Postdoctoral research in Mechanical design and machine construction
- Documented excellent performance in teaching
- Research publications in the top journals and the A/A* class conferences (international and national)
- A good command of two of the three teaching languages of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (German, Italian and English) is required

Position

The position offered is at Associate Professor Level in Mechanical design and machine construction, and a tenured full-time position with a teaching load of 120 hours/year in the bachelor and/or master courses.

The working place is at the Bolzano Campus.

The position offers a working opportunity in an international team of experts open to collaborate on innovative and cross-disciplinary projects. Also, various funding possibilities (European, provincial, third sector and internal funds) are at disposal. A multilingual working environment and an attractive salary complete the position.

Research directions:

- Mechanics of materials and structures for industrial processes
- Mechanics of materials and structures for industrial products
- Interdisciplinary topics^[1]:
 - ⇒ Safety and reliability of products and processes
 - ⇒ Mechanics of materials for energy efficiency
 - ⇒ Mechanics of materials for Automation

^[1] Experts in these areas are already present at the faculty and are eager to take part in a cross-disciplinary exchange

Expected starting date: September 2018

Application procedure

Please send us the documents listed below in hard copy or by e-mail:

- Expression of interest
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (attachment A – University Academic CV)
- List of publications
- Research statement – Research focus and research projects
- Description of the teaching experience and courses taught, plus final evaluations
- Statement about the current academic position

Application deadline: 31st January 2018

Please note:

- Only applications duly signed and dated on the last page will be accepted and considered as complete
- Only short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview
- The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano aims to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore strongly encourages female scientists to submit their expression of interest

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More information

Position call: <https://www.unibz.it/en/home/position-calls/positions-for-academic-staff/?group=58&year=2017>

Faculty website: <https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/sciencetechnology/>

Description

Mechanical design and machine construction (09/A3 – ING-IND/14)

The scientific sector of the professorship of this call focuses on the mechanical design of structures and mechanical systems, covering all aspects of the product life cycle: from the definition of the initial concept to the executive design, with special focus on manufacturing. Moreover, the sector investigates the structural performance of most advanced and innovative materials (such as modern metal alloys, composites, nanomaterials, ceramics, and more) for their safe use. Also, the study of several technologically related aspects of industrial processes are in the scope of the sector.

Among the specific areas of interest:

Mechanics of solids and of structures and materials. Fatigue and fracture mechanics. Mechanics of materials, strain and stress assessment. Conceptual, functional and structural design. Product design and development. Design for X. Numerical modelling and computation. Machines construction elements. Machines and transportation means design. Structural reliability and integrity. Multi-objective optimization.

The professorship should develop an interdisciplinary approach, interacting with the colleagues of the engineering area, particularly of the same sector, of mechanics of machines, of production systems and technologies, and of industrial mechanical plants.

About the Faculty of Science and Technology

We are a young and fast growing faculty with a strong multidisciplinary and multinational dimension. In our staff we have nationally and internationally recognized experts.

We have a solid network of international collaborations and high-end research facilities, are expanding in many directions and open for new ideas.

New challenges are our daily routine and therefore people who like innovation and strive for top scientific goals are a good match with our culture.

Our main areas of interest are industrial engineering and automation, energy resources and energy efficiency, fundamental sciences for innovative applications, agricultural production and food technologies and dynamics and management of mountain ecosystems.

Those areas are further subdivided into smaller research groups, where scientists work/specialize on some concrete topic of interest.

We teach two bachelor courses, five master courses and two PhD study programs, and the number of courses is going to expand.

We carefully choose our academic personnel by hiring prominent scientists from abroad as guest/contract lecturers or tenured professors. We are a vital part of one of the world's rare universities that offers their students lectures in three languages of tuition, and, upon the conclusion of the study program, a trilingual qualification in English, German and Italian.

Both our students and professors are provided with the support of the Language Centre of the University. It helps them in finding the right method for the study of the language of interest and in achieving the desired level of language proficiency through its courses and language counseling.

Finally, it offers a preparation for internationally recognized language certificates. We further encourage our academics to improve their language skills by incentivizing financially those with B2 and C1 certificates in the second or third language.

Currently, we are participating in 95 research projects with a funding budget of about 17 million Euros. Our work is visible all over the province of Bolzano, as our interdisciplinary and hands-on approach resulted in many fruitful collaborations, with a strong support from the local community. In this context, ideas can be transformed into projects in a matter of months. We firmly believe that our researchers are our greatest asset and a competitive advantage on a market thirsty for innovation: responding to real life problems with the respect for the environment, creating eco-sustainable solutions and using the expertise from many scientific areas in getting a problem solved is what we are committed to.