

The Faculty of Economics and Management of the Free University of Bolzano-Bozen is seeking excellent candidates to fill the following academic position

Associate Professor in Finance and Technology
(13/B4 - SECS-P/09 Corporate Finance – Finanza Aziendale - Finanzwissenschaft)
Bolzano Campus

#### **Profile**

Candidates should have a PhD in Finance or a related discipline and possess a strong interest in research and teaching subjects that range from financial markets and financial decision making to applied technologies in the world of finance. Alternatively, candidates should have a PhD in either Engineering and Management, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Operations Research or Physics, and possess a strong interest in research and teaching subjects in the broad area of financial economics. In either case, the successful candidate should have a meaningful experience in teaching to warrant appointment as an associate professor. The ideal candidate will be able to teach some course in German. However, she/he has a portfolio of courses that beside including standard undergraduate and graduate courses in finance and financial markets, will also extend to subjects such as: Artificial intelligence and financial decision making, Technology applications in financial markets, Big data and analytics in finance.

Candidates must have an excellent record of scientific publications with high impact factor and number of citations consistent with type "A" publications as indicated by the Italian National Research Agency ANVUR-GEV13. All fields that bring together corporate finance, financial intermediaries and markets, and new technologies in finance will be considered. The successful candidate will join the Research Cluster in Financial Markets and Regulation and take an active lead in the development of research initiatives in her/his areas of expertise. The Research Cluster is specifically interested in appointing candidates who are interested in developing research and innovative teaching on the role and impact of new technologies for banks, nonbank financial intermediaries, investment funds, nonfinancial firms and nonprofit organizations.

#### **Position**

The position offered is at the Associate Professor Level in Finance (*Professore Associato* in the scientific sector SECS-P/09 under the Italian academic system). The position is tenured, full-time, and with a minimum teaching load of 120 hours per academic year.

The position compensation structure is competitive with that of top European universities and, depending on individual circumstances, may give rise to substantial fiscal advantages for first five-year of tenure. Appointment expected starting date is January 2020, or anytime soon, and the candidate will join the team that successfully built up the new Master of Sciences in Accounting and Finance, which place considerable importance in teaching and learning the role of new technologies in the world of accounting and finance.

For further information, please contact Prof. Maurizio Murgia – <u>maurizio.murgia@unibz.it</u>. For general information about the position, terms and conditions of working at the Faculty of Economics and Management please contact the Dean Prof. Oswin Maurer – <u>oswin.maurer@unibz.it</u>.

# Requirements

According to Italian legislation, only candidates already **holding an equivalent academic position (Associate Professor) at their current foreign university are qualifying for a "direct call from abroad"**. Application that do not satisfy this requirement will not be short-listed.

Furthermore, the Selection Committee will consider applicants meeting the following conditions:

- a) evidence of high-quality teaching and mentoring through student or department evaluations;
- b) significant level of service to the department, the university and the profession;
- c) evidence of ability to raise external funds for research;
- d) knowledge of at least two of the three official teaching languages at the Faculty of Economics and Management (English, German, Italian).

The Faculty of Economics and Management has a strong interest to appoint a successful candidate who can contribute to its strong cross-disciplinary international research, as well as to its multilingual teaching culture.



The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano aims at increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore specifically encourages female scientists to submit their expression of interest.

## **About the Faculty**

The Faculty of Economics and Management was founded in 1998 and counts at present over 1200 students and more than 50 faculty members who study and work in three languages: English, German, and Italian. Through academic excellence in research and teaching, the Faculty contributes to the development of the South-Tyrolean economy while being solidly connected to international scientific networks.

Research carried out in our faculty has been ranked no 2 in the ANVUR Research Quality Assessment in Italy in 2017 and the University is among the Top-10 small universities worldwide according to THE (Times Higher Education). The working language of the Faculty of Economics and Management is English, though class teaching is also in German and Italian. More information is available on the Faculty's website: <a href="https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/">https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/</a>

## Application procedure

Please send your expression of interest, together with a detailed curriculum vitae, a list of publications, an indication of your research focus, a short description of courses taught, your teaching evaluations, as well as a statement of your current academic position. We recommend the use of the form "Attachment A – University Academic CV" you can find attached.

Your application, duly signed and dated on the last page, must be sent to Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Faculty of Economics and Management, attn. Mrs. Verena De Villa, Universitätsplatz 1, 39100 Bozen, or by e-mail: recruitment economics@unibz.it

### **Deadline and Important Dates**

Expressions of interest will be accepted until Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Short-listed candidates will be invited to a preliminary skype interview in the days of either September 3<sup>rd</sup> or September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Subsequently the Selection Committee will invite either on September 18<sup>th</sup>, or September 19<sup>th</sup> or September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, for a personal interview at the Bolzano-Bozen campus of the Faculty of Economics and Management.