



English Department

Two PhD Assistantships in American Literature and Culture 60 %

Start of employment is 1 February 2025, temporary

The English Department of the University of Zurich invites applications for two Research and Teaching Assistantships at the Chair for American Literature and Culture (Prof. Dr. Katharina Gerund) to begin on 1 February 2025. These doctoral positions are open to candidates with a completed Master's degree who plan to pursue a PhD in American Studies. The contracts are initially limited to three years (with the possibility of extension for up to three years).

Your responsibilities

For Research and Teaching Assistants, 50% of the working hours are reserved for research, primarily for work on the PhD project, but also for related activities such as conference papers, publications, organization of academic events, and applications for external funding. The other 50% are devoted to teaching BA courses (two hours per week, (two hours per week, beginning with a course within the "Textual Analysis" module or a BA seminar in literature) as well as some administrative tasks.

Your profile

We are looking for two members of staff with outstanding MA theses in the field of American Literature and Culture and promising ideas for research projects that correspond to the Chair's main research areas (Critical Military Studies, Affect and Gender Studies, Critical Race Studies, Cultural Theory and Popular Culture). The successful candidates will be well versed in literary history and critical theory, have didactic skills, and enjoy working in a team environment. They will be proficient in English and have a working knowledge of German (to be acquired within two years).

Information on your application

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF document that includes a letter of motivation, CV, degree certificates, one letter of recommendation, a description of the planned PhD project (ca. 5 pages) as well as a writing sample (e.g. a seminar paper or thesis chapter) by 6 December 2024. Interviews will take place via zoom on 16/17 December 2024.

What we offer

Work-Life Balance

- Flexible working models (such as part-time positions, mobile working, job-sharing)
- Childcare at the kihz foundation of UZH and ETH

Learning and Development

- Wide range of continuing education courses of UZH and the Canton of Zurich
- Language Center run jointly with ETH Zurich

Food

- Food and drinks at reduced prices in the UZH cafeterias
- Lunch-Check-card with UZH contribution

Healthcare

- Special conditions on the Academic Sports Association ASVZ
- Free seasonal flu vaccinations
- Rest and relaxation at the quiet room in the university tower

Discounts

- Private traffic: Carsharing, rent a vehicle, parking space

- Digitalization: Hardware, software, mobile phone subscriptions
- Special conditions on hotel reservations

Conditions of Employment

- Policies of the UZH
- Most UZH staff are employed according to public law

International Services

- Support for people from outside Switzerland

Campuses

- Campuses Zurich City, Zurich Irchel, Oerlikon and Schlieren
- Sites Zurich West, Old Botanical Garden, Botanical Garden and Lengg

Location

English Department

Plattenstrasse 47, 8032 Zürich, Switzerland

Questions about the job

Prof. Dr. Katharina Gerund

Working at UZH

The University of Zurich, Switzerland's largest university, offers a range of attractive positions in various subject areas and professional fields. With around 10,000 employees and currently 12 professional apprenticeship streams the University offers an inspiring working environment on cutting-edge research and top-class education. Put your talent and skills to work with us. Find out more about UZH as an employer! More → <https://www.uzh.ch/cmssl/en/explore/work.html>

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