

Academic position in Experimental Soft Matter Physics

The Department of Physics is looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated experimental scientist to join the Department's activity in Soft Condensed Matter. This is a full-time academic position starting September 1st 2011. (The position is at the level of "Assistant Professor" in the USA academic system.)

A PhD in Physics (or a closely related discipline) is requested, with a track record of experimental research appropriate to the career of the candidate. Postdoctoral experience is essential, and a history of attracting research funding commensurate with the candidate's experience would be desirable.

The candidate will join the Polymer Science group in the Department of Physics: the group already has state-of-the-art equipment at its disposal, including ellipsometers, X-ray diffractometers, NMR, and optical, scanning force and confocal microscopes. The candidate should be eager to collaborate widely in an interdisciplinary environment, and demonstrate a clear research vision.

Excellent candidates in any area of experimental Soft Matter Physics (polymers, colloids, liquid crystals, biological systems, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

The position involves both teaching and research with some commitment to administrative tasks. For candidates not fluent in French, a temporary period of teaching in English may be granted. The candidate will take part in teaching activities in the Bachelor and Masters programmes in Physics. He/she should progressively increase his/her teaching activities to reach a level comparable to that of his/her colleagues.

If the selected candidate is neither already employed by ULB nor employed by the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique and working at ULB, he/she will be offered an initial contract of three years. At the end of this period and subject to the agreement of the Board of the University, he/she will be offered a permanent position.

How to apply?

The application should consist of: (i) a curriculum vitae, (ii) contact details of 3 referees, (iii) a description of the research project that the candidate intends to pursue in the coming years, (iv) a short description of the candidate's pedagogical project, (v) a text presenting the (up to five) most significant publications of the candidate and (vi) a copy of these most significant publications (up to five).

Two paper copies of the application should be sent as soon as possible, and before **December 1st 2010**, to the following address:

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with subject : "Vacance Chargés de cours au Département de Physique, Sciences".

An electronic copy of the application should be sent to Professor Martine Labbé, Dean of the Faculty of Science (annick.gerlache@ulb.ac.be)

The candidates may use the standard model of curriculum vitae offered by ULB, which can be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/facs/sciences/admin/docs-admin/Cvtype.rtf>

Additional information:

As stated by its statutes, the Université Libre de Bruxelles is a non-discriminating institution and all its members are expected to adhere to its fundamentals principles. For any additional information (e.g. concerning courses to be taught or the research carried out in the Department) please contact Prof. Michele Sferrazza (msferraz@ulb.ac.be), Head of the Department of Physique