

Contract Type: Fixed Term Contract |

36 Month |

Doctoral researcher in Psychology

The **University of Luxembourg** is an **international research** university with a distinctly **multilingual** and **interdisciplinary** character. The University was founded in 2003 and counts more than 6,700 students and more than 2,000 employees from around the world. The University's faculties and interdisciplinary centres focus on research in the areas of Computer Science and ICT Security, Materials Science, European and International Law, Finance and Financial Innovation, Education, Contemporary and Digital History. In addition, the University focuses on cross-disciplinary research in the areas of Data Modelling and Simulation as well as Health and System Biomedicine. Times Higher Education ranks the University of Luxembourg #3 worldwide for its "international outlook," #20 in the Young University Ranking 2021 and among the top 250 universities worldwide.

The **Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences** (FHSE) brings together expertise from the humanities, linguistics, cognitive sciences, social and educational sciences. People from across 20 disciplines are working within the Faculty. Along with the **disciplinary** approach a very ambitious interdisciplinary research culture has been developed.

The faculty's research and teaching focuses on **social, economic, political** and **educational** issues with the common goal of contributing to an inclusive, open and resourceful society. The FHSE offers four Bachelor and 15 Master degrees and a doctoral school providing students with the necessary knowledge and high-qualified skills to succeed in their future career.

The University of Luxembourg invites applications for the vacancy in its Luxembourg Centre for Educational Testing (LUCET).

Your Role...

The doctoral researcher will conduct research under the guidance of a supervisory team including local and international experts, with the aim of studying towards a doctoral degree (cumulative; i.e., based on peer-reviewed publications) in Psychology. The doctoral researcher will develop a diagnostic test for specific learning disorders in the area of reading/writing adapted to the linguistically heterogeneous Luxembourgish school context (i.e. diverse language and cultural backgrounds) in the main teaching language German. In close collaboration with the national competence center "Centre pour le développement des apprentissages Grande-Duchesse Maria Teresa", the doctoral researcher will develop a new testing battery in German to be used for diagnostic purposes. This PhD project is embedded in a larger project concerning test development to diagnose learning disorders and as such the PhD candidate will be part of the LUCET diagnostic test development team.

Activities

The doctoral researcher will review research on specific learning disorders in the area of reading/writing as well as existing assessment tools. The following general research tasks are included in the responsibilities of the doctoral researcher:

- Apply state-of-the-art research techniques and psychometric methods
- Develop a new diagnostic assessment battery in the area of reading/writing
- Evaluate the psychometric qualities of the new tool
- (Co-)author peer-reviewed scientific publications and present research outcomes at international conferences
- Contribute to and support (on-going and future) research projects within LUCET

What we expect from you...

- Master in psychology, education or linguistics
- Competence in psychometrics and psycholinguistics
- Research or professional experience in the fields of educational or psychological assessment is a plus
- Excellent oral and written competences in German and in English, competence in Luxembourgish is considered as an asset
- Motivation to work with children in schools (primary education)
- Ability to work in an interdisciplinary and multicultural team

What we can offer...

- A friendly international interdisciplinary team
- Modern, newly equipped labs

In Short...

- Contract Type: Fixed Term Contract 36 Month (extendable up to 48 months if required)
- Work Hours: Full Time 40.0 Hours per Week
- Starting date: As soon as possible
- Location: Belval
- Employee and student status
- Job Reference: UOL04903

The yearly gross salary for every PhD at the UL is 37 101,36 € (full time)

How to apply...

Applications should be submitted online and include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Cover letter
- Copy of diplomas

Early application is highly encouraged, as the applications will be processed upon reception. Please apply formally through the HR system. Applications by email will not be considered.

The University of Luxembourg embraces inclusion and diversity as key values. We are fully committed to removing any discriminatory barrier related to gender, and not only, in recruitment and career progression of our staff.

Here's what awaits you at the University

- **Multilingual and international character.** Modern institution with a personal atmosphere. Staff coming from 90 countries. Member of the "University of the Greater Region" (UniGR).
- **A modern and dynamic university.** High-quality equipment. Close ties to the business world and to the Luxembourg labour market. A unique urban site with excellent infrastructure.
- **A partner for society and industry.** Cooperation with European institutions, innovative companies, the Financial Centre and with numerous non-academic partners such as ministries, local governments, associations, NGOs ...

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Further information...

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