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The Faculty of Biology and Medicine ([FBM](#)) and the Lausanne University Hospital ([CHUV](#)) are inviting applications for a position of:

**Associate Professor in charge of research and teaching
in psychiatric liaison at 50%, within the Service of Liaison Psychiatry (PLI),
Department of Psychiatry-CHUV**

Starting date: 01.08.2022

Place: Lausanne, Switzerland

The Liaison Psychiatry Service ([PLI](#)) has a dual mission: (i) to provide psychiatric care to patients affected by somatic diseases (consultation activity) and (ii) to assist clinicians in their medical practice (liaison activity). This last mission aims to transfer knowledge from medical psychology to the somatic world, which implies that the clinician learns to consider his or her own experience in interactions with patients and to take into account contextual factors influencing the practice of medicine. The liaison activity requires a research and teaching approach based on a broad vision of medicine and the practice of medicine, which includes the psychological, anthropological, socio-historical, and philosophical dimensions. Research in psychiatric liaison cannot be thought from outside the medical field; as it is the case for teaching, research has to be conducted within the clinic, with and for clinicians.

Main missions of the position:

- Develop a research strategy in psychiatric liaison based on close collaboration with clinicians of the PLI and the CHUV, aiming to better understand the experiences of clinicians, the challenges within their interactions with patients and the contextual factors that condition them.
- Conduct externally funded, peer-reviewed research, based on an interdisciplinary approach between psychiatry, human and social sciences and medicine.
- Initiate psychiatric liaison interventions informed by empirical studies.
- Develop innovative methods to evaluate psychiatric liaison interventions.
- Establish close ties with the PLI clinical and research team and hospital health care staff to implement research and teaching in psychiatric liaison.
- Ensure the outreach, within and outside the CHUV, of research and teaching in psychiatric liaison.

Desired Profile:

- PhD in life sciences or social sciences.
- Experience in conducting interdisciplinary studies involving research groups from the humanities and social sciences, liaison psychiatry and physicians.
- Research and teaching experience in somatic medicine (experience in embedded research).
- Skilled in the development and evaluation of psychiatric liaison interventions.
- In-depth knowledge of the hospital and medical world.
- Involvement in interdisciplinary and networked collaborations.
- Ability to develop clinical research programs supported by external, peer-reviewed funding.
- Good knowledge of French (LM or minimum B2, C1 ideal) or ability to acquire it quickly.

Further information can be obtained from Prof. Friedrich Stiefel (frederic.stiefel@chuv.ch), Head of the PLI-CHUV Service.

Applications, in English, will include a motivation letter, a curriculum vitae, a copy of the five most relevant publications, as well as names and contact information of three referees, a brief statement of research interests and teaching experience and a copy of diplomas. They should be submitted online by **February 20th, 2022 (23:59 GMT+1)** to www.fbm.unil.ch/releve/application/ as a single PDF file. The job description is available on [the same link](#) (or QR code).

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