



BRUSSELS INSTITUTE FOR
JOURNALISM STUDIES
RESEARCH CENTRE

The Faculty of Arts and Philosophy is seeking to fill a **full-time (100%)** vacancy in the **Brussels Institute for Journalism Studies** in the Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies (LIST) for a **Doctoral Grant** in the area of Journalism Studies.

Job description

- You prepare a doctoral dissertation in the field of Journalism Studies. The topic of your project preferably contributes to one or both of the following research areas:
 - (1) Visual/multimodal journalism (e.g. photojournalism, UGC, drone journalism, immersive journalism, graphic journalism, infographics, digital storytelling)and/or
 - (2) Meta-journalism, or discourse(s)/reflections/debates *about* journalism, which (re)define, delineate and question what (legitimate) journalism is, could be, or should be, variously expressed in the form of, amongst others, media (self-)criticism, literature, popular culture, or the positioning of 'newcomers' in the journalistic field (e.g. alternative media, new journalistic forms or movements such as 'slow' and 'constructive' journalism, hybrid journalistic genres, news startups, ...).
- In the first year of the appointment, you further develop your research proposal into a solid application for a PhD fellowship or research project (guided by the supervisor(s)), to be submitted to the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)).
- You publish scientific articles related to your research project.
- You contribute to research and teaching in the Brussels Institute for Journalism Studies in the Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies.

Profile and requirements

- You hold a master degree in Social or Human Sciences, or related fields.
- You can submit outstanding academic results.
- You are quality-oriented, conscientious, and creative.
- You are a team player but you are also comfortable working independently.
- You have excellent English writing and presentation skills.

- Students in the final year of their degree can also apply.
- Foreign candidates are encouraged to apply.

We offer

- A doctoral scholarship for an initial year, renewable for up to 4 years (after positive evaluation). The start date of the scholarship will be **October 1st 2019**.
- Depending on your experience and your academic merits, you'll receive a salary in one of the grades that have been set by the government. The gross monthly grant ranges from 2404,82€ to 2890,78€ (EU) / 2193,61€ to 2636,89€ (non-EU).
- Standard inclusions include hospitalisation insurance and the free use of public transport for your home–work commute. And if you prefer to bike to work? There's compensation for that too.
- On both campuses, there are extensive sport facilities available to you and childcare facilities within walking distance.
- For more information on what it's like to work at the VUB, go to www.vub.ac.be/en/jobs

Interested?

- Applications may be submitted to jelle.mast@vub.be until the closing date of **August 11th 2019** and should include **(1) a copy of your CV, (2) a cover letter, (3) a research proposal** (max. 2 pages), and **(4) a sample of academic writing** (previously written research paper).
- A pre-selection will be made from amongst the submitted applications.
- The interviews of the candidates, preselected by a selection panel, will take place *before* August 31st.
- For questions about the profile and the description of duties, please contact Prof. dr. Jelle Mast, jelle.mast@vub.be