

## **Faculty of Humanities**

The Faculty of Humanities provides education and conducts research with a strongly international profile in a large number of disciplines in the field of language, history, and culture. Located in the heart of Amsterdam, the Faculty maintains close ties with many cultural institutions in the capital city. Almost 1,000 employees are affiliated with the Faculty, which has about 8,000 students. The Faculty of Humanities consists of six departments. The department of Dutch Studies has a vacancy for a professor in

### **Language and communication (in Dutch: Taalbeheersing)**

1.0 fte (permanent position)

### **Profile**

The prospective professor will be the head of the chair group Speech communication, argumentation theory and rhetoric. This group's research and teaching programmes cover the field of argumentation theory, rhetoric, pragmatics, discourse analysis, stylistics and verbal communication, including its applications in institutional contexts (politics, law, academic writing etc.). The successful candidate has a good understanding of or a serious interest in the field of applied linguistics (in particular speech communication and discourse analysis), argumentation theory and rhetoric, which is apparent from academic qualifications, publications and teaching experience. The prospective candidate is capable of providing guidance and inspiration with respect to the current research focus on argumentation and rhetoric that characterizes the chair group, but also has a challenging and coherent view on the

possibilities to further expand the group's research programme. The candidate easily crosses borders between various academic disciplines, and has proven competencies in academic leadership.

### **Required qualifications**

- a PhD in (speech) communication, applied linguistics, argumentation theory or rhetoric;
- an international reputation in (speech) communication, argumentation theory or rhetoric;
- the ability to establish productive connections with other academic disciplines within as well as outside the department;
- research relevant to one of the Faculty's research priority areas;
- an excellent publication record;
- an extensive international network;
- an experienced and enthusiastic teacher;
- experience in developing new teaching programs;
- a proven track record of acquiring external research funding;
- proven management capacities.

### **Appointment**

The appointment will be permanent. The gross salary will normally conform to professorial scale 2, between €5,003 and €7,285 gross per month (€ 69.822 - € 101.669 per annum, including 8% holiday pay and an 8,3% end of year payment) on a full-time basis in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities (CAO NU). In

certain cases, however, different terms of employment may be offered. If desired, a part-time appointment of at least 0.8 fte can be arranged.

### **Further details**

Please check the information about chairs at the Faculty of Humanities. For further details, interested parties should contact the secretary of the selection committee, D. van der Vaart, phone +31(0)20-525.3804, email [D.vanderVaart@uva.nl](mailto:D.vanderVaart@uva.nl), or the chair of the committee, prof. dr. T.L. Vaessens, tel. 020-525 4817, e-mail [T.L.Vaessens@uva.nl](mailto:T.L.Vaessens@uva.nl).

### **Application procedure**

Candidates are invited to submit a letter of application in Dutch or English no later than 19 January 2014, accompanied with a CV and a list of publications. The application should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Prof. dr. F.P.I.M. van Vree, and send as one combined pdf-file, to [solliciteren2013-fgw@uva.nl](mailto:solliciteren2013-fgw@uva.nl). Please, indicate the vacancy number in the subject field.

Applications will be received by a selection committee headed by the chair of the department of Dutch Studies, prof. Thomas Vaessens. Following a procedure, which may involve a formal assessment and a public trial lecture, the committee will make its final recommendation to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities.

The University of Amsterdam wishes to see an increase in the amount of women occupying higher academic positions. This is why female candidates are specifically invited to apply.

The Faculty aims to ease the combination of working in Amsterdam and managing one's personal affairs.