



**University of  
Zurich**<sup>UZH</sup>

## English Department

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### Two PhD Assistantships in English Literature

60 %

The English Department of the University of Zurich invites applications for two Research and Teaching Assistantships in the field of English literature to begin on 1 August 2024. These doctoral positions are attached to the Chair for Literatures in English of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (Prof. Michael C. Frank), and they are open to candidates with a completed Master's degree who are aiming for a PhD. The positions are initially limited to three years, with the possibility of an extension for a further three years.

#### Your responsibilities

For Research and Teaching Assistants, 50% of the working hours are reserved for research, most notably work on the PhD project, but also for other, related activities such as conference papers, publications, the organization of academic events and applications for external funding. The other 50% are devoted to teaching BA courses (two hours per week, beginning with a course within the "Textual Analysis" module) as well as small administrative tasks.

#### Your profile

We are looking for two members of staff with outstanding MA theses in the field of English literature, and promising ideas for new research projects. The successful candidates will be well versed in literary history and critical theory, have didactic skills and enjoy working in a team environment. They will be proficient in verbal, written and interpersonal communication in English and have a competence in German or will commit to acquiring a working knowledge of German during their first two years on the job.

#### What we offer

We offer two assistantship/PhD positions with a workload of 60% (initially limited to three years, with a possible extension for up to three additional years, salary according to canton regulations) at an internationally renowned university. Located in central Zurich, the English Department offers a vibrant and stimulating work environment with a committed and collegial team that will support the successful candidates in their independent research. Research and Teaching Assistants have their own desks at the department as well as full access to our excellent infrastructure, library services and IT facilities. The University of Zurich's regulations allow staff to work from home for up to 40% of their weekly employment time.

#### Place of work

Englisches Seminar, Plattenstrasse, Zürich, Switzerland

#### Start of employment

Start of employment is 1 August 2024. Applications should be submitted in a single PDF document that includes a letter of motivation, CV, degree certificates, the names and addresses of two referees, a description of the candidate's PhD project as well as a writing sample (a seminar paper or a chapter from an MA thesis) by 31 March 2024.

#### Further information

Prof. Dr. Michael C. Frank

Please apply via our job portal <http://www.jobs.uzh.ch>.