

Doctoral position funded by the Majin Foundation and Fondation contre le Cancer

in the area of clinical psychology

### 1 - Company profile

For almost 50 years, the **Vrije Universiteit Brussel** has stood for **freedom, equality and connectedness**. These values are strongly present on our campuses, in our students as well as our staff. At the VUB, you'll find a diverse collection of personalities: pure innovators, but especially **people who are 100% their authentic selves**. With about **3,500 employees**, we are the **largest Flemish-speaking employer in Brussels**, an international city with which we are all too happy to be affiliated and around which our four campuses are located.

Our education and research are grounded in the principles of **free research** with an eye on human progress. We disapprove of every purely authoritative argument and guarantee the free formation of judgement that is necessary for this basic principle to be incorporated in the community.

The VUB is autonomous and managed **democratically**. As such, we guarantee fundamental freedoms within our university, as well as the right of the university community to be involved in making and checking university policy.

The mission of the university includes:

- the development, the transfer and the application of high-standing academic education and scientific research, free from any prejudice;
- community integration of this in a spirit of social compassion;
- critical development of everyone in light of the responsibilities borne in the community.

### 2 – Job description

A full-time 4-year PhD position is open at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at **Vrije Universiteit Brussel** (VUB, Belgium) to work on a project entitled 'Working on Coaching with Cancer'. The successful candidate will work with Prof. Elke Van Hoof and collaborate with Prof. Lode Godderis (Departement of public health & primary care, KULeuven) and Prof. Emmanuelle Zech (Psychological Science Research Institute, UCLouvain) to examine the place and the definition of coaching in cancer within the health care professions, the coaches' roles and types of interventions as well as their efficacy and effectiveness for patients during and after cancer.

- You will prepare a doctoral thesis in the field of clinical psychology
- The research project entails the study of the conceptualization, mandate and collaboration of coaches in cancer. The project will entail quantitative as well as qualitative research procedures.
- Contribute to setting up of the study, data collection and analysis
- Maintain contacts with coaches involved in the study
- You contribute to securing ethics approval for the study

- You write up research for publication and disseminate findings via conference presentations at relevant international conferences
- You will contribute to the day-to-day affairs of the research group.

### **3 - Profile and requirements**

- You hold a Master degree in Clinical Psychology.
- You can submit outstanding academic results
- You are willing to conduct scientific research in order to obtain a PhD
- You have an excellent active command of spoken and written English. A CEFR-level of C1 in English is recommended upon the starting date of the teaching duties (or you are willing to acquire the necessary English language proficiency in short notice) and/or you are native speaking French and/or Dutch.
- You welcome communication to and interaction with a culturally diverse student audience.
- You are quality-oriented, conscientious and cooperative
- You have demonstrable knowledge and skills in quantitative and/or qualitative methodologies
- International mobility during your studies is recommended.
- You have not performed any works in the execution of a mandate as an assistant, paid from operating resources, over a total (cumulated) period of more than 12 months.
- The effective result of the doctorate scholarship is subject to the condition precedent of enrolment of the fellow as a doctorate student at the university.

### **4 – We offer**

- A doctoral scholarship for a period of two years, with the possibility of renewal for a further two-year period after positive evaluation
- The start date of the scholarship will be between October 1st 2020 and December 1st 2021
- A monthly grant

As an employee of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, you will work, every day, in a dynamic, diverse and multilingual environment. Our campuses are located in the middle of a green oasis at the edge of the capital city of Flanders, Belgium and Europe. That city centre, with all its opportunities and possibilities, is easily accessed by public transport in less than half an hour.

Depending on your experience and your academic merits, you will receive a salary in one of the grades that have been set by the government. 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](http://www.vub.ac.be/en/jobs).

## 5 - Application

**Applications can only be made via mail to [elke.van.hoof@vub.be](mailto:elke.van.hoof@vub.be)**

Your application must include the following:

- CV, an overview of your study results and a cover letter
- A transcript of the required degree (if already in your possession). If you have a foreign diploma in a language other than French, English or Dutch, please add a translation in one of the mentioned languages.
- For diplomas awarded outside of the European Union, a certificate of equivalence (NARIC) must be submitted.

Applications must be send in one PDF document to **[elke.van.hoof@vub.be](mailto:elke.van.hoof@vub.be)** by August, 30th 2020.