

The University of Geneva is a versatile institution with an international reputation, ranked among the best universities in the world.

Its Faculty of Medicine has 3,500 students and over 200 research groups. Together with the Geneva University Hospitals, it is a major centre for teaching, research and innovation in medicine and life sciences.

The Faculty's Section of Fundamental Medicine hosts the [National Centre of Competence in Research « Evolving Language »](#), which focuses on exploring the neural foundations of language and related higher cognitive functions in humans. The Faculty and the NCCR Evolving Language invite applications for a position within the Department of Basic Neurosciences :

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR with TENURE TRACK or
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
in computational neuroscience**

JOB DESCRIPTION :

Research interests of the successful candidate may include neural encoding of hierarchy in language, neural basis of compositional processing in language or compositional reasoning, neurocomputational principles of learning/memory systems supporting language. Applications from candidates whose research creates other meaningful connections between computational neuroscience and language are also welcome. Diverse methodological approaches will be valued, including evolutionarily- and biologically-plausible neural modelling.

The successful candidate will engage with the interdisciplinary research within the [NCCR Evolving Language](#) and strongly contribute to its scientific development and broader agenda. Administrative responsibilities within the Department of Basic Neurosciences and the Faculty of Medicine are expected, in addition to the NCCR-related administration.

Teaching at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels within the Faculty of Medicine, along with supervising Master's and doctoral theses, will be part of the role.

REQUIREMENTS :

- PhD (or equivalent degree) in a field relevant to the position;
- Demonstrated excellence in research, evidenced by publications in leading journals;
- Evidence of successfully leading a research team, commensurate with the applicant's career stage;
- Evidence of securing competitive research funding (relative to career level);
- Capacity for interdisciplinary collaboration;
- Candidates without French language skills are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will be supported in developing French proficiency over the first three years.

Please fill in your CV according to the attached template of the Faculty of medicine (UNIGE) in French or English.

Applications should include a detailed cover letter demonstrating the candidate's interest in and fit for the role, CV with H-Index (Google Scholar), list of publications from the last 5 years, a research project, copies of diplomas, and names of three people who can write a letter of recommendation and who can be contacted directly, if necessary.

STARTING DATE: January 1, 2027, or according to agreement

Candidates must submit their application online <http://www.unige.ch/academ> by the deadline of May 22, 2026

Additional information about the position may be obtained from Alexis Hervais-Adelman (Alexis.Hervais-Adelman@unige.ch). Please contact Viviane Burghardt (viviane.burghardt@unige.ch) for administrative questions.

The University of Geneva strongly encourages women to apply.