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Position Number:	125432
Title:	Assistant Professor
Functional Title:	Assistant Professor
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Applicant Search Category:	Faculty
University Authorized FTE:	1.00
Unit:	INFO-College of Information Studies
Campus/College Information:	Founded in 1856, University of Maryland, College Park is the state's flagship institution. Our 1,250-acre College Park campus is just minutes away from Washington, D.C., and the nexus of the nation's legislative, executive, and judicial centers of power. This unique proximity to business and technology leaders, federal departments and agencies, and a myriad of research entities, embassies, think tanks, cultural centers, and non-profit organizations is simply unparalleled. Synergistic opportunities for our faculty and students abound and are virtually limitless in the nation's capital and surrounding areas. The University is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding and diverse faculty and staff that will enhance our stature of preeminence in our three missions of teaching, scholarship, and full engagement in our community, the state of Maryland, and in the world.
Background Checks	Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. Information reported by the background check will not automatically disqualify you from employment.

Vaccine Protocol

The University of Maryland has made the safety of our students, faculty and staff, and our surrounding communities a top priority. As part of that commitment, the University System of Maryland (USM) recently announced that students, faculty, and staff on USM campuses this fall, including UMD, are required to be vaccinated against COVID. As a prospective and/or a new employee at UMD, you will be required to comply with the University's vaccination protocol. Proof of full vaccination will be required before the start of employment in order to work at any University of Maryland location. Prospective or new employees may seek a medical or religious exemption to the vaccination requirement at return.umd.edu (return.umd.edu) and must have an approved exemption prior to the start of their employment. Failure to provide proof of vaccination or to obtain approval for a medical or religious exemption will result in the offer of employment being rescinded.

Position Summary/Purpose of Position:

The Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) and the College of Information Studies (iSchool) at the University of Maryland, College Park, invite applications for two tenure-track positions at the assistant professor level. These positions are open to applicants from any fields within political and information sciences that apply data science concepts and methods in their work. GPVT and the iSchool particularly seek candidates whose scholarship and teaching interests address important social science problems in the fields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Methodology that intersect with Information Science.

We encourage candidates to demonstrate how their research contributes toward social justice and equity, diversity and inclusion, or ethical access to information. Both faculty members will have joint appointments at GVPT and iSchool – one with a tenure home at GVPT and the other at the iSchool. Tenure home will be negotiated at the time of hire.

The successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the newly formed undergraduate Major in Social Data Science, which is a BSOS-iSchool joint program. We seek a candidate who will build upon our record of educating political and information scientists committed to leadership, service, research, and innovative practice and impact.

The successful candidates will be expected to have a high-impact research agenda and to seek external funding for research. They will also teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, provide research advising to students at all levels, and engage in service to the profession and shared governance within the university.

In particular candidates whose scholarship speaks to the following broad substantive topics are encouraged to apply:

- Social media politics
- Information disorder (misinformation, disinformation, etc.)
- Online political and civic participation
- Political power in information systems

While these areas of expertise are of particular interest, candidates with expertise and interest in other relevant topics that apply data science methods are encouraged to apply. Candidates whose work recognizes the information norms and assets of marginalized communities particularly relating to the topics above and other relevant topics, are especially encouraged to apply.

This is a tenure-track appointment. Tenure-track Assistant Professors are hired for 3 years, with potential renewal for three more years and tenure review. Salary and benefits are competitive based upon qualifications and experience. Tenure-track and tenured faculty have 9-month appointments, with opportunities for grant-funded research and university-funded teaching in summers. For this position, the successful candidate will be involved in:

- Developing and conducting research projects and disseminating research results
- Designing and developing curricula related to information science
- Crafting exceptional educational experiences for students
- Participating in shared governance
- Contributing to relevant professional communities.

To apply you will need to provide:

- A letter of interest that clearly describes your background and expertise in the area and the unique contributions you would make to the GVPT, iSchool and the University of Maryland.
- Your CV
- A list of 3 professional references. For each reference include the person's title, institution, contact information (including phone number and email address), the capacity in which you know this person, and how long you have known this person.
- A statement of your research interests and accomplishments
- A statement of your teaching philosophy

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Ph.D degree at the time of appointment
- Demonstrated research excellence, including a record of peer-reviewed research in one or more areas described in the position summary above, or related areas and potential to attract external support
- Interest in developing effective and innovative courses.

Preferences:

- Recognized for notable research projects, peer-reviewed publications, or other scholarly contributions
- In-person and/or online course development and teaching experience in related areas
- Demonstrated dedication and service in academia, professional organizations, and research communities

Additional Certifications:

Additional Information:

The Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) at the University of Maryland:

With more than 30 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 1,000 undergraduate majors, and 100 graduate students, we are one of the largest departments in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). Our faculty teach and conduct research in all of the major fields in our discipline, including American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, political economy, and formal theory and methods. Realizing that many of the key problems we face have a significant political component, our faculty and students study a variety of issues with real-world policy implications ranging from civil wars and ethnic conflict to environmental politics, partisan polarization, and inequality.

College of Information Studies (iSchool):

With a commitment to advancing social justice, the iSchool envisions a world where information and technology break down barriers and create new possibilities for individuals, communities, and organizations to achieve their full potential. Our faculty and students are a multidisciplinary and generative community of approximately 40 tenured and tenure track faculty, 40 professional track faculty, and 90 doctoral students. Our College enrolls over 1,700 diverse students in nine degree programs: Ph.D. in Information Studies, Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), Master of Information Management (MIM), Master of Science in Human Computer Interaction (HCIM), Master of Professional Studies in Game, Entertainment, and Media Analytics (GEM), Master of Professional Studies in Data Journalism, Bachelor of Science in Social Data Science, Bachelor of Arts in Technology and Information Design (InfoDesign), and Bachelor of Science in Information Science (InfoSci), which is the fourth largest major at UMD.

The Social Data Science (SoDa) Center is a joint effort between the iSchool and BSOS that leverages UMD's substantial strengths in survey methods, measurement, information management, visualization, and analytics to conduct research, provide education, and work with partners to advance social data science and measurement.

Posting Date: 08/04/2022

Closing Date:

Open Until Filled   Yes

Best Consideration Date   09/23/2022

Physical Demands

Diversity Statement: The University of Maryland, College Park, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action; all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, political affiliation, personal appearance, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment, in all aspects of employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.

Applicant Documents

Required Documents

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Research (examples: research statement, research programs)
4. Teaching (examples: teaching philosophy, student evaluations)

Optional Documents

Posting Specific Questions

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (*).

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