Assistant Professor

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Position Number:	125432
Title:	Assistant Professor
Functional Title:	Assistant Professor
Category Status:	02-Faculty Non-Tenured, On Track
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.

College of Information Studies (INFO) at the University of Maryland:

Founded more than 50 years ago with a specific commitment to advancing social justice, the INFO College enrolls over 2,500 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 Data Journalism, Master of Professional Studies in Game, Entertainment, and Media Analytics, Bachelor of Science in Information Science (InfoSci), Bachelor of Science in Social Data Science (SDSC), and Bachelor of Arts in Technology and Information Design. Faculty members across these programs take advantage of our interdisciplinary environment through their teaching and collaborative research. These programs are offered in the classroom at College Park and Shady Grove campuses, online, and in blended formats.

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

With more than 30 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 900 undergraduate majors, and more than 100 graduate students at the masters and Ph.D. levels, 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.

Successful applicants may be eligible to join The Social Data Science (SoDa) Center. SoDa is a joint effort between INFO and BSOS that leverages UMD's substantial strengths in survey methods, measurement, information management, visualization, and analytics. It conducts research, provides education, and works with partners to advance social data science and measurement.

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.

Position Summary/Purpose of

The College of Information Studies (INFO) at the University of Maryland, College Park and the Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) in the College of Behavioral and Social

Position:

Sciences (BSOS) invite applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level. This position is open to applicants from any fields within information and political sciences that apply data science concepts and methods in their work. INFO and GVPT particularly seek candidates whose scholarship and teaching interests address information science concepts and methodologies to study important social science problems in the broad field of government and politics. We encourage candidates to demonstrate how their research contributes toward social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the creation, management, and accessibility of information.

The faculty member will have a joint appointment at INFO (75%) and GVPT (25%), with a tenure home in INFO. The faculty member will be expected to teach courses in both INFO and GVPT, as well as to contribute to teaching and service to the newly formed undergraduate Major in Social Data Science, which is a INFO-BSOS joint program. We seek a candidate who will build upon our record of educating information and political scientists committed to leadership, service, research, and innovative practice and impact.

The faculty member will be expected to have a high-impact research agenda and to seek external funding for research. The faculty member 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
- Policy and governance for emerging technologies
- Digital democracy and data justice
- Data science for policy analysis
- Role of political institutions in production and dissemination of information
- Political and moral values of information systems
- The political economy of 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.

Position Duties/Responsibilities:
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 typically 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 high-impact research agenda and disseminating research results
- Designing and developing innovative information studies curricula
- Crafting exceptional educational experiences for students
- Contributing to relevant professional communities
- Participating in shared governance

Benefits Summary

Top Benefits and Perks:
[Faculty Benefits Summary](#)

Minimum Qualifications:

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- 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:

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- 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: **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 INFO, GVPT, 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

For best consideration, applications should be submitted by December 11, 2023.

INFO and GVPT strive to be diverse, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming environments. Hence, we strongly encourage applications from people who identify as members of underrepresented, underserved, and/or marginalized communities.

Note: If you need an accommodation in the application process, please notify iSchool HR at **ischoolhr@umd.edu**.

Posting Date: 10/20/2023

Closing Date:

Open Until Filled   Yes

Best Consideration Date   12/11/2023

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. List of References (no emails sent from system)
4. Research (examples: research statement, research programs)
5. Teaching (examples: teaching philosophy, student evaluations)

Optional Documents

1. Resume
2. Supplemental Document 1
3. Supplemental Document 2
4. Supplemental Document 3

Posting Specific Questions

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (*).