

**Doctor-assistant *Visual Arts and Critical Reflection*  
(70 % fixed term: 50% research – 20% teaching assignment)**

Location Ghent: [www.luca-arts.be/sint-lucas-gent](http://www.luca-arts.be/sint-lucas-gent)

**Presentation**

LUCA School of Arts is a multidisciplinary educational and research environment in which creative talent can develop on an artistic, performative, and technical level. LUCA promotes the practice of art and creative design as well as the development of innovative insight. LUCA combines the strength and expertise of five renowned institutions on as many campuses: Sint-Lukas Brussel, Narafi Brussel, C-mine Genk, Sint-Lucas Gent, and Lemmens Leuven. For LUCA, KU Leuven is the research environment in which artistic research is embedded. With over 800 staff members and about 3,800 students, LUCA School of Arts is a creative hub for over 4,500 artists, musicians, theatrical and filmmakers, photographers, and designers.

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**Assignment**

- As a doctoral assistant, you conduct a postdoctoral research project for 50% of your time, which you will propose during your application. The project proposal is situated in the cross-section of visual arts and critical reflection. Your research draws on and takes place within an active practice in visual art, critical essayism and/or literature. As such, it aligns closely with the research clusters Image, Word & Discourse and/or Distractions of our [research unit Image](#). More in particular, we welcome proposals that conduct innovative research into:
  - The interplay between visual and verbal language in artistic practice and artistic training;  
*and/or*
  - The critical potential of artistic writing, essayism or creative forms of criticism for the arts;  
*and/or*
  - The tension between artistic experience and academic research in the arts;  
*and/or*
  - Artist experience as the outcome of a co-creative interaction between artist and recipient;  
*and/or*
  - Affective attention structures (e.g. fascination, empathy) in artistic creation and reflection;  
*and/or*
  - Artistic imagination as a meeting space or a medium for the exploration of shared reality.

- You support the head of research unit Image in organizing activities for the unit (such as an annual Research Day);
- You support senior researchers in the development of the research clusters [Image, Word & Discourse](#) and [Distractions](#).
- As a doctoral assistant, you assist senior-lecturers. Under their supervision, you carry out teaching or supervisory assignments for up to 20%, particularly in the context of the master's thesis and the undergraduate Image & Research course (phase 1, 2 or 3), which focus on the development of artistic research skills.
- You regularly communicate about your research, actively participate in the activities of the research unit Image, and share your research experience with fellow researchers;
- In collaboration with senior researcher(s) from the relevant research clusters, you make applications for external research funding.

### **Responsibilities**

- Conducting the submitted research proposal in a research cluster under the supervision of the head of research and the senior researchers of the research clusters involved;
- Generating artistic research output (i.e. international publications);
- Co-supervising doctorate projects;
- Participating in drafting project applications;
- Performing teaching assignments in the Visual Arts academic program.

### **Profile**

- You hold a PhD in the Arts or relevant to the arts;
- You have the ability to work independently in a team environment, with an accurate sense of responsibility and stress resistance;
- You enjoy developing projects that bring lecturers, researchers and/or students together;
- You are an enthusiastic, entrepreneurial and encouraging researcher with creative ideas, eager to look for improvements and to experiment with new concepts.
- You are loyal to the university's assignment, mission, vision, and educational policy plan;
- Proficiency in Dutch and English is required, in accordance with the language requirements applicable to higher education, or at least willingness to learn those languages in a short term. A level B1 of the teaching language (English) is required. The administration language of LUCA is Dutch. We will ask you to acquire the level B2 of Dutch within 5 years after recruitment. You will be given the opportunity to learn Dutch, respectively English, to the required standard.

### **Offer**

At LUCA you will be part of an environment where respect and integrity define our basic attitude, where we see sustainability and diversity as an asset and quality is our motivation. In the coming years, we want to give LUCA an identity as an actor in society, let our education institute become part of a laboratory, complement our offer with demand-driven initiatives, and open up our multicampus reality to a network. This will put you in a stimulating environment in which we offer numerous opportunities to give your own interpretation on your main campus in Gent or on one of the other campuses of LUCA School of Arts.

LUCA aims to create an environment in which all talents can develop to their full potential, regardless of gender, age, cultural background, nationality or disability. That is why we welcome all talented people who recognize the added value of diversity and want to help shape an inclusive organization.

We offer a temporary, fixed-term appointment (70%) in the vacant position of doctor-assistant (scale 509) for three years. For more information about the salary scales, visit the Department of Education's website ([www.ond.vlaanderen.be](http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be)).

Starting date is foreseen from 16/10/2023.

**Interested?**

For more information, please contact Prof. dr. Tom Van Imschoot, Head of Research Unit Image ([tom.vanimschoot@luca-arts.be](mailto:tom.vanimschoot@luca-arts.be)) and Wim Lambrecht, Head of Visual Arts ([wim.lambrecht@luca-arts.be](mailto:wim.lambrecht@luca-arts.be))

Send in your applications by 15-09-2023, Attn. LUCA School of Arts, LUCA HR department: via CV Warehouse.

Your application must include a file consisting of

- a motivation letter
- a three-year postdoctoral project proposal in line with the above research objective.
- a CV and portfolio
- an educational certificate (if applicable, a certificate of equivalence of the requested certificate).