

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) in Computer Science with focus on Usable Security School of Computer Science

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The University of St.Gallen is strengthening its course offering in Computer Science with a new Assistant Professorship in the field of Usable Security. We seek an individual who will direct the creation of a new research group in this context while actively contributing to the further development of the School of Computer Science at the University of St.Gallen, and to building bridges with other disciplines at our university.

To be considered for this position, applicants should have a Ph.D. in computer science (or be near completion) and an excellent track record in research and teaching at the

intersection of Cybersecurity and Human Computer Interaction.

Successful candidates have the potential to develop international recognition in one or several of the topics of the call. They bring sufficient academic maturity and independence in research and teaching. A track record in industry collaboration as well as in third-party funding is desired. Enthusiasm for teaching and the development of new courses is expected to shape the Computer Science programs at the University of St. Gallen.

The university is searching for candidates with a strong research background in one or more of the following topics:

- Human-centered security and privacy
- Usable cybersecurity
- User psychology (behaviour data collection and analysis)
- Usability testing, social engineering, threat mitigation

With respect to research, the successful candidate leads cutting-edge research endeavours across various aspects of usable security as seen above. Successful candidates would have a strong publication record in the following outlets: USENIX Security, SOUPS, IEEE S&P, ACM CCS, ACM CHI, IMWUT, and PoPETS.

The successful candidate will design and hold courses in the Bachelor and Master of Computer Science programs at the University of St.Gallen. The candidate is an active and visible member of the faculty and engages in outreach activities and academic citizenship within the University and globally.

We are looking for a team-oriented and committed personality whose activities have a good fit with the School of Computer Science at the University of St.Gallen.

The appointment is for 6 years, with an intermediate evaluation after 3 years and a tenure evaluation after 6 years (with the option for promotion to associate professor).

The School of Computer Science currently hosts almost 100 academic and administrative employees from diverse backgrounds and has been committed to increasing diversity across dimensions since its inception. We are strongly committed to promoting equal opportunities and specifically encourage women and applicants from backgrounds underrepresented among our current faculty to apply.

For this position, we seek candidates by February 1st 2027, or by mutual agreement.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Damian Borth, Chairman of the Selection Committee and Dean of the School of Computer Science (per email via facultyposition@unisg.ch).

Candidates should submit their application, including cover letter, curriculum vitae, publications list, research statement, teaching statement, and list of three individuals who

would provide a reference, in electronic form to the President of the University of St.Gallen, Prof. Dr. Manuel Ammann (online via the website <https://www.unisg.ch/professorships>). The research and teaching statements need to include a vision for the new research group and discuss its fit with the current context at the University of St.Gallen and its School of Computer Science.

The deadline for applications is 19 July 2026.

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