

PhD Position (doctoraatsbursaal) @ Ghent University

In the context of a joint FWO-FAPESP project (principal investigators De Fruyt, De Clercq & Primi) investigating **social-emotional skills and their development in teachers** we have a vacancy for a curious and ambitious **researcher (full time – 4 years)**.

The project includes several research lines on the assessment and development of social-emotional skills in teachers conducted in Belgium and Brazil. The project aims to (a) further develop a taxonomy of teachers social-emotional skills, (b) study the development of skills across training and tenure and (c) examine how we can intentionally affect these skills.

The Brazilian leg of this project is in strong collaboration with researchers from the University of São Francisco (Campinas) and Edulab21, the research group of the Institute Ayrton Senna. The Belgian part is coordinated by Filip De Fruyt (UGent).

Function Profile:

- You will be employed within the Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences @ Ghent University;
- You will conduct research in preparation of a PhD;
- You have a Master in Psychology or another masters' degree in relevant social sciences;
- You have a collaborative mindset – fit in the team;
- You have a profound interest in test construction and development;
- You have a strong academic background in psychometrics or willingness to invest and learn this (IRT, longitudinal and ipsative data-analysis, ...);
- You have good academic writing skills;
- Besides an academic interest, you also have an interest in the application of research in professional practice;
- You have good organization skills to implement and supervise data collections.

We provide several opportunities for training and development during the PhD trajectory, including research stays and workshops at international research institutions.

For more information or expressing an interest in the position: Please contact Prof. Dr. Filip De Fruyt, Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology, Ghent University, H. Dunantlaan 2, B-9000 Gent, preferable via email: Filip.DeFruyt@ugent.be.

From August 1, we will start interviewing candidates that made it to the shortlist. Please send us your detailed CV + an electronic copy in pdf of your undergraduate master thesis and/or best/most representative publication(s).

Start: October 1, 2021 or earlier.