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PhD position in Economic Geography

A PhD position is available at the Institute of Geography of the University of Bern in the [Unit Economic Geography](#).

The **PhD position** is for four years. The successful candidate is expected to develop and conduct high-quality academic research in the framework of their doctoral dissertation and contribute to the other activities of the group, in particular teaching and supervision of bachelor students. A dedicated budget is available for fieldwork expenses and for travel to reputable international conferences, to which participation is encouraged. The successful candidate has demonstrated excellent skills in conducting empirical research and in writing academic texts. A sound command of oral and written English and German is required.

The work of the **Unit Economic Geography** focuses on research in the areas of regional development and sustainability, entrepreneurship and (social) innovation, structural changes in urban as well as rural and mountainous regions, diverse economies and postgrowth. We have a strong policy orientation and work regularly with national and international policymakers. You can find more information about the group [here](#).

The **University of Bern** has more than 19'000 students and offers a full range of fields of studies. For more information about the University as an employer, please visit this [link](#). Bern and the Bernese Oberland boast a high quality of life and offer numerous amenities such as urban swimming, hiking, skiing, etc.

The position

Starting date: February 2024

Workplace: Institute of Geography, University of Bern

The salary is according to guidelines of the University of Bern

Tasks

- Writing a PhD thesis based on empirical research and preparation of publications
- Development of a personal doctoral project, planning and implementation of the empirical research (mainly qualitative)
- Participation in national and international conferences
- Support of the group's research, teaching, and administrative activities

Requirements

- An above-average Master's degree in geography or in a closely related discipline (economics, sociology, history, political sciences, anthropology, etc.)
- Very good written and spoken English and German
- Strong motivation for research
- A residence in Switzerland or the willingness to move to Switzerland
- Reliability and ability to work in an international team

We offer

- An attractive, collaborative and international work and research environment
- An inspiring research team that cares for a healthy working environment
- Intensive and supportive doctoral supervision
- The opportunity to develop and implement an innovative research project
- Opportunities to present at national and international conferences and workshops
- Network with scholars and practitioners
- Opportunities to develop skills in advanced research methods, analysis and writing, teaching and supervision, and teamwork

- Diverse opportunities to develop transferable skills through continuing education
- Salary according to the guidelines of the University of Bern
- High quality of life in Bern, Switzerland

The application should include the following and should be send as a single PDF file to heike.mayer@unibe.ch by August 31, 2023:

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae with up to 2 references
- BA- and MA transcripts or reports
- Sample of your written work (Master thesis or a chapter of the thesis, seminar paper)
- 1-page proposal about a possible doctoral project

If you have questions about the position, please contact Prof. Heike Mayer: heike.mayer@unibe.ch

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