

(15427) - Graduate Assistant in Political Ecology

Introduction

The University of Lausanne (UNIL) is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where nearly 15'500 students and 5000 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the Lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

Presentation

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill a position of Graduate Assistant in Political Ecology, for a maximum period of 5 years. This position is linked to the "Development, societies, environments" research group and under the responsibility of Prof. Christian Kull.

The IGD is an interdisciplinary community of about 100 academics that work in the fields of Geography and Sustainability. With 15 professors and more than 40 PhD students, the department offers a vibrant, stimulating, international environment for cutting-edge research. It hosts regular lecture series and distinguished guest researchers from around the world.

Job information

Starting date : 01.09.2020

Contract length : 1 year, renewable 2 x 2 years, maximum 5 years

Activity rate : 80%

Workplace : University of Lausanne, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, Lausanne, Switzerland

Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will develop personal research leading to a PhD in Geography, specifically in political ecology. The research topic is open, with preference for those that demonstrate synergies with ongoing work by Professor Kull and the "Development, societies, environments" research group of IGD.

The successful candidate will devote at least half of their working time to their PhD research (40% for this position), with the remaining time reserved for supporting the teaching and research of Prof. Christian Kull in the fields of human geography, political ecology, and development studies as a graduate assistant.

Your qualifications

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in geography or allied fields.
- Interest and experience in the social dimensions of environmental change or natural resource management issues in developing countries.
- Assets for good candidates include: experience in field research, exposure to theoretical debates, teaching qualifications, independence and initiative, and synergies with supervisors' specific interests and field areas.
- Excellent reading, writing, and communications skills in both French and English (French is the main teaching language at UNIL)
- For overseas projects, experience in the region and language skills are a bonus.

What the position offers you

We offer a stimulating work environment and atmosphere, with dedicated support for developing an academic career. Members of our research groups become part of international networks and benefit from opportunities to attend conferences and workshops around the world.

We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences. Different professional development opportunities are possible at UNIL or in Swiss institutions that promote doctoral research.

Your application

Deadline: 19th of April 2020

Please submit the following documents in PDF format only via the career website of the University of Lausanne:

- letter of motivation
- full CV
- a short (2-3 pages) initial proposal for the PhD project
- scans of university degrees and course transcripts/marks
- writing samples (the Master's thesis; research paper, if available)

Only applications through the website will be taken into account.

Contact for further information

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Remarks

UNIL is committed to promoting gender equality and strongly encourages applications from female candidates.