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### Call for applications for a position of doctoral assistant at 50%

#### in sociocultural/educational psychology, orientation psychology/education and nature

The Institute of Psychology and Education of the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) invites applications for a 50% doctoral assistant, in principle for 4 years, renewable each year, with a starting date as soon as possible (to be discussed with the successful candidate). The Institute of Psychology and Education is part of the House of Analysis of Social Processes (MAPS) of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Its CURIOUS research center is one of the recognized European centers for research in sociocultural psychology (<https://www.unine.ch/ipe/home/recherche>).

**Required qualifications:** Master's degree in psychology and/or education (or equivalent) obtained at the latest at the time of starting the job. Good oral and written skills in English and French are required. Knowledge of socio-cultural psychology is desirable.

The doctoral assistant will be expected to develop an original PhD project, to be supervised by Prof. Laure Kloetzer, in one of the following areas: language and nature, nature education, forest school, biodiversity conservation psychology, human/more-than-human interactions (animals and plants), learning and experiencing nature in zoos or botanical gardens, animal mediation, zoothérapie, etc.

She or he should be interested in participating in the training of Bachelor and Master students in psychology/education; she or he should be able to work independently and with initiative, while being able to work in a team and contribute to the life of the institute (<https://www.unine.ch/ipe/home>); she or he should be ready to engage in local and international scientific collaborations, in English, and in French with various field partners. A taste for citizen science, participatory, collaborative, arts-based research methods is an asset.

**Workload:** Half of the work time is devoted to personal research work and writing the doctoral thesis. The other half of the work time is dedicated to the supervision of BA and MA students (teaching; reception of students) and to the participation in administrative tasks of the institute.

**Salary and application rules:** salary according to the norms of the University of Neuchâtel

Classe (tarif à 100%)		Annuel (CHF)	Mensuel (CHF)
Assistant-e doctorant-e de 1ère année	LI01	70'864.95	5'451.15
Assistant-e doctorant-e de 2ème année	LI02	74'087.00	5'699.00
Assistant-e doctorant-e de 3ème année	LI03	77'309.05	5'946.85
Assistant-e doctorant-e de 4ème année	LI04	83'749.25	6'442.25
Assistant-e doctorant-e de 5ème année	LI04	83'749.25	6'442.25

Renchérissement = 1.8% inclus

A candidate cannot be appointed as a doctoral assistant more than 5 years after obtaining the Master's degree, unless an exceptional dispensation is granted by the Rectorate.

**Application:** please send **as soon as possible** by email to Laure Kloetzer ([laure.kloetzer@unine.ch](mailto:laure.kloetzer@unine.ch)) a detailed letter of motivation in French or English accompanied by two pages of thesis proposal in

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French or English, a curriculum vitae, one publication if available, copies of academic titles, contact of a reference person.

Interested candidates can informally contact Prof. Laure Kloetzer at the following e-mail address: laure.kloetzer@unine.ch.

The applications will be analysed as soon as they are received, with the aim of filling the post as soon as possible.