

**Research Assistant (scientific collaborator 25-40%) – SustEquine projet
Conservation Biology Lab, University of Neuchâtel**

We are seeking a motivated Research Assistant (scientific collaborator 25-40%) to join the **SustEquine** (“Sustainable equine management through ecosystem restoration”) project, an interdisciplinary research initiative at the interface of restoration ecology, animal welfare, and sustainable equine management, founded by the Sandgrueb Foundation, within the Conservation Biology Lab, University of Neuchâtel. (More about the project: <https://www.unine.ch/conservation-biology/current-projects/>)

The position is for a minimum duration of **one year**, with the possibility of extension depending on project outcomes.

The position is part-time, offers flexible working hours, including periods of intensive fieldwork organised in blocks of consecutive field days, and a possibility of hybrid (home office & on-site) work.

Your main tasks and responsibilities

- Administrative support and coordination of project activities
- Planning and organisation of fieldwork logistics
- Support of undergraduate students during fieldwork
- Active participation in fieldwork
- Data management, documentation, and quality control
- Science communication activities, with a particular focus on communication towards policy makers and management stakeholders
- Data analysis and contribution to scientific outputs, depending on skills and experience

Your profile

- MSc degree (or equivalent) in ecology, biology, environmental sciences, or a closely related field (applications from recent PhD graduates are also welcome)
- Strong organisational skills and ability to work independently
- Interest in applied research and science–policy interaction
- Valid driving licence (own car an asset)
- Enthusiasm to conduct fieldwork, including multi-day periods in multiple countries (France, Germany, Hungary)
- Experience in Lepidoptera and Orthoptera field sampling is an advantage

What we offer

- A stimulating research environment
- Flexible working conditions, including the possibility of home office for tasks not requiring on-site presence or field activities
- Involvement in an interdisciplinary and applied research project with relevance for conservation and restoration policy
- Opportunities to develop skills in project coordination, field ecology, and science communication

Start date: 1st April 2026

Send your application by **25 February** to lilla.lovasz@unine.ch