

## PhD position in Economics (70%)

The Institute of Economic Research, University of Neuchâtel, invites applications for a PhD position in the following fields: environmental/energy economics, experimental economics, and behavioral economics. The position is located in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, which provides an inspiring working environment with excellent conditions for research.

**Job starts:** 1 November 2020

**Term:** 4 years (renewable each year)

**Location:** Neuchâtel, Switzerland

**Job description:** The objective of the position is to write research papers in applied economics, combining theory and empirical analysis to inform the design of public policies, and ultimately earn a PhD in Economics. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Prof. Bruno Lanz (<https://sites.google.com/site/brunolanzwebpage/>) and Prof. Milad Zarin, and will contribute to a Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) research project on the design of energy and environmental policy. While the main focus of the position will be on research, the successful candidate will also provide support for teaching in the Institute of Economic Research, and participate in the activities organized by the Institute (incl. our weekly seminar series). The successful candidate will have the opportunity to take core PhD-level courses in economics as part of her/his doctoral work (<https://szgerzensee.ch/courses/swiss-program-for-beginning-doctoral-students-in-economics>).

The gross salary corresponds to 70% of the regulatory doctoral assistant salary at the University of Neuchâtel (<https://www2.unine.ch/srh/page-37388.html>). The Institute is conveniently located near the lake of Neuchâtel, with outstanding infrastructure and quality of life (<https://www.unine.ch/etudier/discover>).

**Applicant profile:** The candidate should hold (or be close to finish) a master's degree in economics and have a good intuition for empirical economic research. The candidate will demonstrate a strong potential to produce high-quality research, which demands an excellent command of English. A professional experience and knowledge of French for teaching duties is an advantage.

**Application procedure:** Applications should include (i) a cover letter with a statement of motivation and research interests, (ii) a detailed CV with the contact of two referees who we will contact independently (please do not include reference letters), (iii) a transcript of grades obtained in Bachelor's and master's programs, and (iv) an empirical research text as an example (e.g. MA dissertation, seminar paper, etc.). For candidates who have not yet completed their master's degree, please indicate this in your cover letter, append a list of already completed courses / grades, and describe your dissertation work in the cover letter.

Applications should be sent as a single pdf file to [bruno.lanz@unine.ch](mailto:bruno.lanz@unine.ch) with the subject name "PhD application – [your surname]". The review of applications will start on 1 August 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Only complete applications will be considered.

Would you need further information, please contact Prof. Bruno Lanz.

The University of Neuchâtel is committed to promoting equality of opportunity.