

The Chair of International Economics at the Institute of Economic Research, University of Neuchâtel, led by Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau is inviting applications for a:

PhD position (70%)

to start from **February 2026** (or by agreement) for a period of **4 years** (renewable each year).

Applicant profile: Applicants should hold a Master's degree in economics with a focus on quantitative international, regional, or urban economics. Outstanding candidates with a Master's degree in other empirical fields may also be considered. Individuals with a strong quantitative background in related disciplines (e.g. mathematics, physics, computer science) are likewise encouraged to apply. Proficiency in English is required; knowledge of French constitutes an advantage.

Job description: The objective of the position is to write research papers in international, regional and urban economics and earn a PhD. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau (<https://www.gabrielloumeau.com/>). Research activities at his chair range from international economics to quantitative economic history. Collaboration in ongoing projects is encouraged but not required. The PhD candidate will have to complete graduate training in economics. Although the focus of the position stays on research, the PhD candidate is also expected to participate in the life of the Chair and the Institute (e.g., teach classes, organize examinations, supervise students).

Key advantages of the position:

- Excellent conditions for research
- Young and ambitious team
- Very competitive salary (in accordance with the University scale)
- Opportunity to enroll in the Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (for more information, consult: <https://szgerzensee.ch/courses/bdp>; Solid GRE score required. Please provide it if already available – otherwise, candidate is expected to do so in the coming months.)
- Encouragement and opportunities for long visits in world leading departments (e.g., top US/UK departments) in year 3 or 4 of the PhD
- Excellent living environment, with easy access to Switzerland's lakes, mountains, and outdoor activities

About us: Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau will join the Institute in February 2026 as Chair of International Economics. He is building a team of engaged and talented young researchers.

Application procedure: Applications include a cover letter (1 page), a CV, the contact of at least one academic reference, a transcript of grades, and (a draft of) the master's thesis. Include GRE score if already available.

Please send your application as a single PDF file to **both** application.economics@unine.ch and g.s.loumeau@vu.nl with the subject *PhD international econ [your name]*. The deadline for applications is **October 31st, 2025**. However, we evaluate applications and hold interviews on a rolling basis. We only consider complete applications and will contact each candidate personally with the outcome of the review process. For further information please contact Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau (<https://www.gabrielloumeau.com/>).

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