

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 in Quantitative Economic History (70%)

to start from **September 2026** (or by agreement) for a period of **4 years**.

Applicant profile: Applicants should hold a master's degree in economics with a focus on quantitative economic history, applied microeconomics, or related empirical fields. Outstanding candidates with a strong quantitative background in related disciplines (e.g. digital humanities, computer science) are likewise encouraged to apply. An interest in historical data, long-run development, and intergenerational mobility is a plus. Proficiency in English is required; knowledge of French, German, Italian and other European languages constitutes an advantage.

Job description: The objective of the position is to write research papers in quantitative economic history and earn a PhD. The position is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) project "Ancestry, Lineage and Patterns of Socioeconomic mobility" (ALPS), jointly led by Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau (University of Neuchâtel) and Prof. Dr. Tommaso Giommoni (University of Amsterdam). The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Gabriel Loumeau (<https://www.gabrielloumeau.com/>), in close collaboration with Prof. Dr. Tommaso Giommoni (<https://tommasogiommoni.com/>). Research activities at the Chair of International Economics range from international, regional and urban economics to quantitative economic history, with strong methodological ties to applied microeconomics and the use of historical micro-data. Beyond the funded project, the PhD candidate is encouraged to develop their own research agenda. The PhD candidate will have to complete graduate training in economics.

Key advantages of the position:

- Excellent conditions for research in dynamic and ambitious team
- Very competitive salary (about CHF 51,000 gross per year in the first year)
- Opportunity to enroll in the Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (for more information, consult: <https://szgerzensee.ch/courses/bdp>; GRE score of 160 or above is required. Please provide it if already available.)
- 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

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 application.economics@unine.ch with the subject *PhD economic history [your name]*. The deadline for applications is **June 15th, 2026**. 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/>).

The University of Neuchâtel is an equal opportunity employer and provides non-discriminatory working conditions.