

The National Center of Competence in Research **nccr – on the move** aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration patterns. Transcending disciplines, the NCCR brings together research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchatel, the network comprises eleven Higher Education Institutions in Switzerland.

At the University of Neuchatel we have an open position for a

Doctoral Student

Short description of vacancy: The successful applicant is expected to contribute to a research project on Migrant Transnational Entrepreneurship and complete a doctoral dissertation under the supervision of Prof. Yvonne Riaño and Prof. Etienne Piguet (Institute of Geography). The start date will be 1 November 2018 (or as agreed upon). The funding of the doctorate encompasses a period of four years. Work progress will be evaluated on a regular basis.

Requirements:

- Master degree in social sciences (preferably geography, social anthropology, migration studies).
The candidate should not be currently enrolled as a doctoral candidate at a Swiss University.
- Excellent knowledge of qualitative methodologies (in particular semi-structured interviews, ethnographic observations and participant observation).
- Oral and written command of English, as well as the capacity to conduct interviews in French and German are required. Knowledge of other languages is an asset.
- Scientific interest in migration studies and migrant transnational entrepreneurship
- Interest in conducting fieldwork in two cities, namely Zurich and Geneva.
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaborations with other nccr – on the move researchers
- Participation in an interdisciplinary doctoral program coordinated by the University of Neuchatel.
- Regular attendance of NCCR events at the University of Neuchatel, or elsewhere in Switzerland.

Benefits: We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences, in accordance with the regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The nccr – on the move offers support measures for researchers with childcare duties.

Employer: The workplace is at the Institute of Geography of the University of Neuchatel. The Institute offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for cutting-edge research, with a global outlook, and a privileged location (at the edge of the lake of Neuchatel with a view of the Alps). The University of Neuchatel is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Qualified women and candidates with a migration history are encouraged to apply.

Submitting application: Applications (letter of intent, letter of recommendation, CV, Master thesis, paper) should be submitted before 4 May 2018 to etienne.piguet@unine (also for queries).