

Institut de psychologie et éducation
Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines

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Open positions: 2 PhD studentships

The Institute of psychology and education of the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) opens two 4-years (renewable each year) PhD studentship ("assistant doctorant"), starting December the 1st, 2012. The Institute of psychology and education is member of the MAPS (Center for the Understanding of Social Processes) of the Faculty of Arts and social sciences. It is one of the European Center for sociocultural psychology (<http://www2.unine.ch/ipe>). The two positions are defined as follows:

Full-time Phd Studentship

The doctoral assistant will develop an original PhD dissertation within the domains of expertise of prof. Tania Zittoun He or she should have solid knowledge in sociocultural approaches, master quantitative and qualitative methodologies, be interested in lifelong development, and for symbolic processes (www2.unine.ch/cms/site/psy/lang/fr/home/publications/auteurs_listes_de_publications/zittoun_tania).

Half-time PhD Studentship

The doctoral assistant will participate to the tutoring of the *Methodology course* of the Bachelor in psychology and education, including an introductory course to research methods in psychology and education (prof. A. Iannaccone) and a course in academic skills (prof. J.-F. Perret). He or she should have an excellent mastery of qualitative and quantitative methods in psychology and/or educational sciences. He or she will develop a Ph dissertation within the domains of expertise of prof. Antonio Iannaccone. (www2.unine.ch/cms/site/psy/lang/fr/home/publications/auteurs_listes_de_publications/iannaccone_antonio).

For both positions:

Person specification: Master in psychology or educational sciences (or equivalent), achieved at the latest at job start. The candidate needs to be fluent in English and will have to acquire a sufficient level of French to work and teach in a French speaking environment within a year. The candidate can be aged up to 30; exceptionally, the age limit can be postponed in case of previous professional experience, double academic training or for reasons connected to father- or motherhood.

The doctoral assistant should be interested in teaching at Bachelor and Master levels in research-oriented, interdisciplinary programs; he or she should be able to work autonomously and show initiative, and also, have the capacity to work in a team and to participate to the life of the institute; and be interested in developing an international activity.

Job definition: research leading to a doctoral dissertation and involvement in research activities (conferences, workshop, reviews, etc.) (50%); student teaching and supervision (seminars, etc.) (30%); participation to administrative duties (20%).

Salary: according to the regulation of the University of Neuchâtel (<http://www2.unine.ch/srh/page-20956.html>); six weeks of annual holidays.

Application: send as soon as possible by email and by post to the Secrétariat of the Institute of psychology and education (secretariat.ipe@unine.ch), Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines, Espace Louis-Agassiz 1, CH - 2000 Neuchâtel (Switzerland): a detailed motivation letter with indication of potential dissertation theme; a curriculum vitæ; a summary of the MA dissertation; publications if any; copies of university titles. Interested candidates can informally contact prof. Antonio Iannaccone (Antonio.iannaccone@unine.ch) (half-time position) or prof. Tania Zittoun (tania.zittoun@unine.ch) (Full time position).