

Job Title: Graduate Assistant in Conservation and Development

Requisition ID **13947** - Posted **07/17/2018** - **Assistant - Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment - Part time** - (Teaching Staff; Research)

Introduction

The University of Lausanne (UNIL) is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 14,300 students and nearly 3,900 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

Presentation

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill one position of Graduate Assistant, for a maximum period of 5 years. This position is linked to the Development, Societies, and Environment research group.

The IGD is an interdisciplinary community of about 100 academics that work on space, place and the environment. With 15 professors and close to 40 PhD students, the department offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for cutting-edge research. It hosts regular lecture series and distinguished guest researchers from around the world.

Job information

Expected start date in position : 1st of November 2018 (or agreed upon date)

Contract length : 1 year, renewable 2 x 2 years, maximum 5 years

Activity rate : 80%

Workplace : Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Your qualifications

The successful candidate is expected to have earned a Master's degree in "sustainable development" or "conservation science" or "human ecology" or "biocultural studies" or "development practice", "ethnobotany/ethnozoology" or related field.

The successful candidate is expected to be able to fluently read scientific literature in environmental and social sciences. The successful candidate will have field experience in implementing development or conservation projects or activities. The candidate will have a strong interest in the nature conservation and/or development and improving its practice, and inter-disciplinary collaborations.

Communication and relational skills are required. The candidate will help co-organizing some courses. French and English language proficiency is expected (French is the predominant teaching language at UNIL).

Assets for good candidates include: experience in field research, teaching qualifications, independence and initiative, and synergies with supervisors' specific interests and field areas. For overseas projects, experience in the region and related language skills are required.

What the position offers you

We offer a stimulating work environment and esprit de corps, with dedicated support for developing an academic career. Members of our research group become part of international networks and benefit from opportunities to attend conferences and workshops around the world.

We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences.

Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will develop independent research leading to a PhD in the broad field of conservation and development. She or he will enjoy considerable freedom in defining the topic of the thesis. It should, however, relate to one or more of the following themes :

- Conservation and development practice in Africa or Europe
- Natural resource governance and rights
- Cultural landscapes
- Landscape approaches, including landscape governance

Science-policy-practice interface

The candidate will devote at least half of working time to her/his PhD research (40% for this post), with the remaining time reserved for supporting the teaching and research of Dr. Gretchen Walters with a particular focus on courses related to teaching in development project planning, conservation and development, and qualitative methods, as a graduate assistant.

Contact for further information

Dr. Gretchen Walters (g.walters@ucl.ac.uk), who will be joining UNIL in early October 2018.

Your application

Deadline : 31th of August 2018

Please, send your full application in Word or PDF.

- letter of motivation
- full CV
- a short (2-3 pages) proposal for doctoral research
- scans of university degrees and course transcripts/marks
- one piece of research (e.g. Master's thesis, research paper, publication).

Only applications through this website will be taken into account.

We thank you for your understanding.

Additional information

UNIL is committed to promoting gender equality and strongly encourages applications from female candidates.