

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill the position of

Graduate Assistant in Geography of Mobilities

The position is part of the research team in geography of mobilities led by Professor Patrick Rérat.

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (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. The post is located in the research group Urban Studies which is one of the institute's six groups.

Job information

Starting date: 1st of February 2020

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

Activity rate: 80%

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

Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will develop independent research leading to a PhD in the broad field of geography of mobilities. 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:

- Mobilities and sustainability (transition to a low carbon mobility, practices of utility cycling, shared mobilities, micro-mobilities, etc.)
- Mobilities and space (importance of mobilities in spatial organization, urban form and sustainable urban planning, etc.)
- Mobilities and society (role of the various forms of mobility in lifestyles and leisure, in the organization of society, etc.)

The candidate will devote at least half of working time to her/his PhD research, with the remaining time reserved for supporting teaching and research of the team in geography of mobilities.

Your qualifications

In order to complete our team, we are looking for someone with the following skills :

- Master's degree in human geography (or in another social science).
- Interest for the various forms of mobility (residential choice, internal migration, everyday mobility, etc.) and their links with spatial dynamics and planning issues.
- The applicants should have the goal of completing a Ph.D. thesis in one of the fields of the geography of mobilities.
- Experience in mixed methods (articulation of quantitative and qualitative methods).
- French language proficiency is expected (French is the working language as well as the teaching language). Good command of English and German would be an asset.

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.

Contact for further information

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Your application

Deadline : 30th of September 2019

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.