

Department for Upper Secondary and Vocational Education



With approximately 3500 students and more than 12,000 continuing professional development participants a year, the Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich) is one of Switzerland's largest teacher education institutions and a leading centre of expertise for schools, teachers and educational authorities. Due especially to the high quality of its research, the PH Zurich is involved in various national and international networks. The services of the PH Zurich include education, training, research and additional services such as consulting and international development projects.

The Zurich University of Teacher Education (PHZH) currently launches a project that looks at the contribution of vocational skills development to inclusive industrial growth and transformation in 6 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Laos, South Africa and Vietnam). The project is jointly funded by the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (<http://www.r4d.ch/>), which receives funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). In this context, the Zurich University of Teacher Education is offering, as per 1 September 2017, a position as a

Researcher (PhD position) 100%

The position is project-based and limited to 3 years.

In case of a positive evaluation of the project by the funding agency (R4D), the position can be extended for an additional year.

Key tasks

- Elaboration of research instruments, notably used for data collection in 6 years
- Further refinement of the theoretical basis of the project
- Willingness to travel internationally, notably to partner countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Laos, South Africa and Vietnam)
- Readiness to obtain a PhD on the basis of results from the project and to join the doctoral programme at the University of Zurich (this university acts as a partner university in this project)
- Collaboration in the publication of results as well as preparation of own publications

Our expectations

- Genuine interest in international development and cooperation
- Master's degree in social sciences (e.g. sociology, political science, educational sciences, economics or social anthropology)
- Solid basis in social sciences, in particular with regard of social and economic change, educational systems and international development
- Very good skills in quantitative and qualitative social science research methods
- Excellent English skills (written / oral)
- Good German skills (written / oral)
- High ability to work in an international / intercultural context

We offer

- With the help of data from this project, you can work on your own PhD dissertation. The project will provide you with an opportunity to take a key role in a complex, highly challenging international research project and to engage with very fundamental questions related to social and economic change in developing countries.
- The Zurich University of Teacher Education is located directly at the Zurich main station (Zurich HB).
- Salary according to regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation

We are looking forward to your application in German or in English.

Please apply by 7 May 2017 through PHZH's E-Recruiting system (see button). Your data will be handled by our HR department (personalmanagementwf@phzh.ch) and be treated fully confidentially.

For more information on this position contact Prof. Dr. Markus Maurer, Professor of Vocational Education (markus.maurer@phzh.ch).

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