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The Institute of Geography (www.giub.unibe.ch) at the Faculty of Science of the University of Bern, Switzerland invites applications for the position

Assistant Professorship Tenure Track in Geomorphology and Natural Hazards

Start date of employment: 1 February 2023

The successful candidate will build an internationally recognized research program in the field of geomorphology and natural hazards, which combines, ideally, basic and applied research. Preference is given to candidates with a strong geomorphology background and who explore innovative approaches to investigate processes related to exogenic natural hazards, future scenarios under climate and global societal change and the way (mountain) regions manage hazard related risks. The combination of modelling approaches with field-based research and observational data is particularly attractive.

The professorship collaborates with other research groups of the GIUB and contributes to GIUB's interdisciplinary research and teaching on current challenges towards achieving a sustainable and just world under global change. Additional opportunities for collaboration exist with the Mobililar Lab for Natural Risks, the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research, the Centre for Development and Environment and the Wyss Academy for Nature.

Application requirements: Candidates hold a PhD in geomorphology, physical geography, geosciences or a related field. Candidates have demonstrated potential for the development of a high-level research programme; they have first relevant experience in teaching and supervision, in the acquisition of competitive third party funding. Experience in or interest to collaborate with stakeholders are important assets.

The successful candidate will represent the field of geomorphology and natural hazards and risks in the curriculum of the Institute of Geography. Teaching covers theoretical, empirical and applied aspects. A strong field component is expected. The professorship contributes to all existing teaching formats, which includes team teaching, lectures, seminars, field courses and excursions. Teaching language at the Bachelor level is German; teaching at the Master level is in English. We offer a transition period of up to 2 years for gaining competence to teach in German at least in the 1st year BSc.

The GIUB offers an interdisciplinary and stimulating research environment, a competitive salary, and state-of-the-art research infrastructure. The transition to the permanent position of Associate Professor takes effect following a successful evaluation. Applications of women and underrepresented groups from all world regions are strongly encouraged. The University



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of Bern is an equal opportunity and family-friendly employer and supports flexible hiring solutions, including job-sharing, which for assistant professorships is however possible only in exceptional cases. In case of interest in a job-sharing solution, the candidates are asked to contact the Office for Gender Equality at the University of Bern and the Institute.

For further information on the open position, please contact Prof. Bettina Schaefli, Bettina.schaefli@giub.unibe.ch.

Required application documents: The application should include a letter of motivation, a CV, your scientific achievements, and a publication list (Please use this guideline, sections 2.2 to 2.4). Please also provide a research plan (max. 2 pages), a description of prior teaching and mentoring experience, teaching philosophy and planned teaching activities (max. 2 pages), a one-paragraph statement that highlights the diversity you bring and how you will encourage the diversity of our academic community through your research, teaching, leadership and/ or service.

In addition, the completed online questionnaire should be included (PDF to be found at <https://www.geography.unibe.ch/questionnaire>). The application documents must be submitted by **25 January 2022** electronically in a single PDF file (<10 MB) to the Dean's Office (email: applications@natdek.unibe.ch), Universität Bern, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, SWITZERLAND.