

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

An opening position for a **PhD student in health sciences** is available in the research group on Health and Social Behaviour at the Department of Health Sciences and Health Policy. As of 1 May 2018 we are looking for

PhD student in Health Sciences (100%) (Research field: “Acute and long-term impact of a diagnosis of childhood cancer on grandparents”)

The Department of Health Sciences and Health Policy offers a lively, interdisciplinary research environment. The PhD training will be organized by the [Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) at the University of Lucerne.

The PhD position is open in a study on “Acute and long-term impact of a diagnosis of childhood cancer on grandparents”. A lot of research has addressed the impact of childhood cancer on parents and siblings. However, grandparents are often highly involved during treatment, e.g. with the child with cancer in hospital or with siblings at home. The impact of the diagnosis on grandparents has rarely been assessed. The project aims to explore how grandparents are involved in the care of their grandchildren during and after cancer treatment. The study will be coordinated at the University of Lucerne and collaborate closely with paediatric oncology clinics in Switzerland.

The specific tasks of the PhD student include:

- Coordinate sample selection and data collection in collaboration with the clinics
- Supervise student assistants helping in the project
- Write reports and scientific manuscripts. At least three first author papers are required for the PhD student
- Present results at national and international conferences
- As a member of the research group, the PhD student will also help with writing newsletters or grant applications, and as teaching assistant

Requirements:

- MSc or equivalent degree in psychology (preferably health or clinical psychology), health sciences, epidemiology, natural sciences or similar discipline
- An interest in applied research in the areas of psycho-oncology, childhood cancer, epidemiology, biostatistics and public health
- Sound computing skills (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access)
- Knowledge of statistical software (ideally Stata) and experience with a variety of standard and advanced methods in biostatistics would be an advantage
- Languages: excellent knowledge of German and English, additional knowledge of French/Italian is an advantage
- Structured, independent and accurate way of working

The appointment is available from **1 May 2018** (or as soon as possible), **for 3 years**. The salary of the PhD position is based on the salary scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation. For further information please contact Prof. Gisela Michel gisela.michel@unilu.ch.

Please submit your job application (incl. CV as pdf) with the key number **220110** electronically to: jobs@unilu.ch by the **9 March 2018**.