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The **Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) of the University of Bern** performs research in a range of disciplines relevant to public health ([www.ispm.ch](http://www.ispm.ch)). Groups cut across divisions, facilitating an interdisciplinary approach to research in the fields of clinical epidemiology, social and behavioral health, biostatistics, and international and environmental health. The ISPM is highly reputed for its expertise in health effects of environmental exposures, the spread of infectious disease, and the health of vulnerable groups including children and the elderly.

The **Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR) of the University of Bern** is a world-leading research centre in climate science ([www.oeschger.unibe.ch](http://www.oeschger.unibe.ch)). It is committed to interdisciplinary research involving natural, social, economic and legal sciences. Researchers in OCCR focus on cutting-edge questions of past and human-driven future climate change and its impacts on nature and humans.

The **Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR)** and the **ISPM Bern** are jointly opening an interfaculty career position to establish a research group on climate-change and health. For this purpose we are seeking a

## **Research Group Leader – Climate Change and Health (80-100%)**

**Period:** Fixed-term contract for 3 years, with a possibility of an extension of 3 years upon successful review

**Place:** Bern, Switzerland

**Department:** Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), University of Bern

**Apply no later than:** December 20, 2018

**We are seeking** an early- to mid-career scientist who will build, lead and inspire an independent research group on the nexus between climate change and health. The successful candidate is expected to apply for competitive extramural funds that enhance her or his career (e.g., SNF Ambizione, SNF Eccellenza, ECR Starting Grant, etc.) and/or enlarge the research group (e.g., SNF Project, partner in SNF Synergia, and others). The research team will be embedded in the ISPM Bern, with a formal link to the OCCR. The group will benefit from the numerous support schemes that the OCCR is offering to enhance research and outreach at the University of Bern. If applicable, the group leader is expected to promote to Habilitation within the 6 years of funding.

### **Requirements:**

- PhD in environmental epidemiology (or related field) or MD, with a strong disciplinary, as well as a climate-related research record, or alternatively, PhD in natural sciences with a strong record in medical research, particularly on environmental and climate-related issues
- Track record of publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals and successful grant applications
- Experience in scientific team work. Prior experience leading a research group is an asset
- Ambition to build up a focused research group with international impact
- Excellent communication skills and willingness to carry out national and international outreach
- Fluency in English both written and oral; knowledge of German or French is an asset

### **We offer:**

- Working in an international, multidisciplinary, and highly stimulating environment.
- Close collaboration with renowned experts in climate change, epidemiology and public health
- Access to climate models, climate model and observational data, and large longitudinal datasets on human health
- Support for career development and training
- There is no teaching obligation associated with this career position. Teaching is, however, encouraged within the Master and Graduate Schools in Climate Sciences of the OCCR.

For further information on the advertised position, please contact Prof. Dr. med. Oscar Franco ([oscar.franco@ispm.unibe.ch](mailto:oscar.franco@ispm.unibe.ch)) or Prof. Dr. Thomas Stocker ([stocker@climate.unibe.ch](mailto:stocker@climate.unibe.ch))

Please send your application to Natalie Studer, [hr@ispm.unibe.ch](mailto:hr@ispm.unibe.ch). Applications must be written in English and include, in one pdf file, the following elements: curriculum vitae, publication list, contact details of two academic or professional referees, and a cover letter with a personal statement about your current research priorities (about 0.5 page) and your research plan, including realistic application options for extramural funding (about 1 page).