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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). 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.

Within **ISPM Bern** we are establishing a new research platform focused on lifestyle and behavior and their role in non-communicable disease prevention. For this purpose we are seeking a

Platform Leader – Lifestyle and Behaviour (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: March 15, 2020

We are seeking an early- to mid-career scientist who will build, lead and inspire an independent platform focused on the role that lifestyle (diet, sleep, activity) plays in the prevention of non-communicable disorders, particularly cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The successful candidate is expected to apply for competitive extramural funds that enhance her or his career (e.g., SNSF Ambizione, SNSF Eccellenza, ERC Starting Grant, etc.) and/or enlarge the platform (e.g., SNSF Project, partner in SNSF Synergia, and others). If applicable, the platform leader is expected to promote to habilitation within the 3 years of funding.

Requirements:

- PhD in health sciences or related field with a strong record in lifestyle related research.
- 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. The new platform leader will be expected to participate actively in the supervision of doctoral students already working in the platform.
- Provide a vision and the ambition for building up a focused platform 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 epidemiology, statistics and public health
- Access to large longitudinal datasets on human health
- Support for career development and training

For further information on the advertised position, please contact Prof. Dr. med. Oscar H. Franco (oscar.franco@ispm.unibe.ch)

Please send your application to Natalie Studer, 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).