Department of Health Sciences and Medicine  
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

The University of Lucerne was founded in 2000 as the youngest university in Switzerland and has around 3000 students. Its focus is in the human sciences represented by its four faculties Theology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, and Economics. Since 2019 the University is developing the interdisciplinary Department of Health Sciences and Medicine which includes a well-established division of health sciences and health policy as well as two new divisions for medicine and rehabilitation.

The department collaborates closely with the organisations of the Swiss Paraplegic-Foundation including Swiss Paraplegic-Research (SPF) in Nottwil. SPF is an extra-university research institution co-funded by the Foundation, the Canton of Lucerne and the Swiss Government.

The University of Lucerne and Swiss Paraplegic Research are inviting applications for

2 Assistant Professors in “Rehabilitation and Healthy Ageing”  
(Tenure Track)

Both professors will hold a joint appointment at the University of Lucerne (50 %) and SPF (50 %). A strength of the positions is the opportunities that arise from bridging the environment of a university with a national research institute. Both positions are tenure track, with an initial appointment of 5 years, and are expected to start by October 2020 or by arrangement.

At the Department of Health Sciences and Medicine of the University of Lucerne the professors will be instrumental in developing research, teaching and international collaborations of the newly established division of Rehabilitation and its Center for Rehabilitation in Global Health Systems, a WHO Collaborating Center. The professors are expected to implement and further develop the emerging research agenda on healthy ageing and rehabilitation focusing on functioning and well-being.

At SPF the professors will establish research groups in close collaboration with the national cohort study for persons living with Spinal Cord Injury (www.swisci.ch) as well as the Learning Health System for SCI, an international collaborative initiative involving more than 20 countries. SPF provides excellent research conditions as well as extensive opportunities for collaboration within established national and international scientific networks.

The positions are attractive for candidates with a disciplinary background in psychology or behavioral sciences, social sciences including political sciences and health economics, as well as health sciences including public health, epidemiology, and movement sciences. Sound knowledge of research design as well as quantitative and qualitative methods is fundamental. A strong motivation to proactively collaborate with the other two divisions of the interdisciplinary university department and across the research groups at SPF is essential.

Successful candidates will have a proven track record of research relevant for emerging approaches in healthy ageing and rehabilitation and for addressing the needs of people living with a health condition such as spinal cord injury.
As the official working languages at both institutions are English and German, candidates are expected to be proficient in English and to qualify for German at the level of C1 within 2 years. For further information, applicants are encouraged to contact the president of the search committee, Prof. Gerold Stucki, gerold.stucki@unilu.ch, +41 (0)41 229 56 30.

With a view towards increasing the number of female professors, the University of Lucerne specifically encourages qualified female candidates to apply. Candidates should send their application with the usual documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, publication list and teaching overview and list of raised external funding) in electronical form via our job portal www.unilu.ch/jobs no later than May 15, 2020.