**Job description**

For our Department of Training, Research and Innovation, we are looking for a :

**Research associate in Epidemiology (40%)**

**For a duration of 1 year, starting in March 2020**

The selected candidate will join the Medicine and Gender Unit. The Unit develops and conducts education and research projects on the topic of gender and medicine. The Unit team is multidisciplinary, mixing approaches and tools from medicine, epidemiology and social sciences.

In the frame of a SNF (Spark) fund that we obtained, we are setting up a pilot project that aims at developing a composite “gender index” applicable for health research in the context of Switzerland. The objective is to create an index that reflects the notion of gendered social position, as a social determinant that induces (and explain) health inequalities.

Your main mission will be to coordinate the different phases of the project, including:

* Coordinate the setting-up of a national interdisciplinary working group
* Lead the elaboration of the theoretical framework that will guide the conceptualisation of the index
* Lead the co-construction of the gender index for specific medical fields
* Coordinate the testing of the index within existing databases (for example the national cohort)
* Lead the co-validation of the approach (and tool) by the interdisciplinary working group
* Disseminate the results in the form of scientific articles and presentations in diverse health research instances

The person will evolve in close collaboration with the other research collaborators of the Medicine and Gender Unit that will act as experts (in medicine and gender, in clinical research, in social epidemiology).

For a successful implementation of this project, we are looking for the following profile:

* Strong knowledge and competences in epidemiology, ideally social epidemiology
* Marked interest for the gender and health thematic
* Interest in social determinants of health in general
* Strong quantitative expertise, in particular in analysing large databases
* Command of statistical programmes such as R, Stata, etc.
* Taste for interdisciplinary and collaborative work
* Command of English and French
* Flexibility and organisation skills

Starting date : 01-03-2020

Duration : 1 year

Postulation deadline : 20-01-2020

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