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Postdoctoral Position: Education in the Life Course (100 %)

The Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development is an international and interdisciplinary research center at the University of Zurich, measuring itself against the highest international standards. Theory-driven and empirically grounded projects define the research orientation.

The position will contribute to Professor Michael Shanahan's research program in the Department of Sociology and the Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development at the University of Zurich.

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Seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral scientist in the area of education from a life course perspective, with a strong background in methods. Research will focus on educational systems and how structural differences and student characteristics are related to performance, attainment, and intergenerational reproduction. Some research will be conducted using existing datasets. However, this postdoctoral fellow will also assist in the development of a new data collection effort. This fellow will also participate in and contribute to the intellectual activities of the Center.

The ideal candidate will have well-developed methodological and statistical skills and a solid familiarity with educational systems in the German-speaking world and, ideally, in Europe. The applicant will possess a PhD degree. The ideal candidate will also have a strong commitment to all phases of research, willingness to work in a collaborative setting, and interest in learning new methods. Opportunities to develop skills will be provided. International applications are strongly encouraged. Fluency in German is an asset. Flexibility, good communication skills, and collegiality are very important. The contract provides a full-time position and is limited to 3 years but can be extended for 3 more years.

To apply, submit (in one pdf file) (1) a cover letter that conveys research interests and relevant experiences, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) one or two publications or manuscripts. Two letters of recommendation from references should be emailed separately and directly. Submit all materials to maria.schoenholzer@jacobscenter.uzh.ch. This search will remain active until the position is filled.

This position opens:

As soon as possible

Application deadline:

30.09.2017