



Job offer

16 February 2021

As of **1st June 2021** a position is to be filled at the Department of Psychology at the University of Zurich at the Chair of Psychology of Motivation, Volition, and Emotion as

PhD student in an SNF-funded research project (60% employment)

The PhD candidate will be part of the research project "How to eat your cake and enjoy it, too! - Examining determinants of successful hedonic goal pursuit", which will investigate factors that influence hedonic goal pursuit. The project is led by Dr. Katharina Bernecker.

Scope of duties

- scientific tasks (e.g., literature research, questionnaire creation, data collection and analysis)
- organizational tasks (e.g., programming questionnaires/computer tasks, conducting laboratory studies, supervising research assistants)
- publication activity
- participation in national and international conferences
- scientific qualification (PhD)

We expect:

- a very good university degree with a major in psychology
- strong research interest in the field of motivational psychology
- proof of successful first research experience (e.g., by a very good empirical thesis in psychology, research internships, work as a research assistant)
- very good English language skills
- good German language skills or willingness to learn German
- sound knowledge of empirical methods and advanced statistics (including multilevel analysis)
- very good computer application knowledge (MS Office, SPSS, R)
- high commitment, ability to work under pressure, flexibility, independence, enjoy working in a team
- interest in international research visits

We offer:

- an attractive research environment and a close exchange within the team
- pleasant and well-equipped working environment
- close supervision
- international contacts to research and practice
- if interested, the opportunity to teach
- yearly salary before taxes: 47'040 CHF (1st year), 48'540 CHF (2nd year), 50'040 CHF (3rd year)

The position is limited to 3 years.

Deadline for applications is **21st March 2021**. Please email the usual documents (CV, high school diploma, certificates of psychology studies), a letter of motivation of at least one page in which you explain why the topic of the research project is of interest to you and why you want to do a



doctorate. Please also add the name of one or two reference persons (e.g. supervisor of master thesis or research internship) to your CV and send your application **as a single PDF file** to Dr. Katharina Bernecker (k.bernecker@psychologie.uzh.ch).

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