



## **Job offer**

16 February 2021

As of **1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

As part of the research project "How to eat your cake and enjoy it, too! - Examining determinants of successful hedonic goal pursuit", factors that influence hedonic goal pursuit are investigated. The project is led by Dr. Katharina Bernecker.

### **Scope of duties**

- Scientific tasks (such as literature research, questionnaire creation, data collection and analysis)
- Organizational tasks (such as supervising study participants, programming online questionnaires, conducting laboratory surveys, supervising research assistants)
- Publication activity
- Lectures at national and international congresses
- Scientific qualification (PhD)

### **We expect:**

- a very good degree with 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 research and practical contacts
- if interested, the opportunity to teach
- Yearly salary before taxes: 47'040 CHF (1<sup>st</sup> year), 48'540 CHF (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 50'040 CHF (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

The position is limited to 3 years.

Deadline for applications is **21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:k.bernecker@psychologie.uzh.ch)).

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