

The Institute for Medical Education (IML) www.iml.unibe.ch/en/iml is a center of excellence in medical education. As a university institution, we work in the fields of research, teaching, service and development and supervise projects at the national and international level.

We invite applications for a

PhD student position (100%)

for the project *“From threat to challenge - Improving medical students’ stress response and communication skills performance when breaking bad news to simulated patients”*

This SNSF-funded project aims to investigate the effects of brief didactical and stress-reducing means on biological, experiential and behavioral measures. This aim will be achieved by conducting a randomized controlled trial (RCT) with a sample of about 200 undergraduate medical students.

Job information

- Start date: June 2021 or upon agreement
- Contract length: 4 years
- Workplace: Mittelstrasse 43, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

Your tasks

- Planning, preparing, and conducting the RCT
- Managing, analyzing, and interpreting the collected data including cardiovascular measures, stress hormone, questionnaires and communication-skills performance
- Writing high-quality research publications
- Presenting the project findings at meetings and conferences

Your profile

- Master degree in psychology or life sciences; candidates with a master degree in medicine can also be considered if there is a record of research experience
- Very good methodological and statistical knowhow (with focus on quantitative data)
- Very good level of both English and German (level C1/C2/mother tongue)
- Flair for scientific writing
- Strong interest in empirical research and career plans in a scientific context
- Good team working skills

We offer

- Supervision and collaboration by a highly motivated, international, interdisciplinary team consisting of medical educators and psychologists (PD P. Gomez, University of Lausanne; Prof. S. Guttormsen, University of Bern; Prof. U. Nater, University of Vienna)
- Doctorate study program of the Graduate School for Health Sciences (GHS) of the University of Bern (courses, conferences, seminars, etc.), cf. www.ghs.unibe.ch/
- Salary in accordance with the guidelines of the Swiss National Science Foundation

Your application

- To apply, send a motivation letter, your CV, copies of your diplomas/work certificates (i.e., list of courses and grades at university level), and contact information of two referees by e-mail (pdf file format preferred) to PD Dr. med. Christoph Berendonk MME, christoph.berendonk@iml.unibe.ch. For questions, please contact Dr. phil. Felix Schmitz, felix.schmitz@iml.unibe.ch.