

Project Coordinator

Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development
University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland

The Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development at the University of Zürich seeks a **Project Coordinator** for its interdisciplinary longitudinal cohort study of Swiss students in the German- and French-speaking areas, BUNAVIA, which is directed by Professors Michael Shanahan, Moritz Daum, and Laura Bernardi with Project Manager Dr. Martin Kindschi. The BUNAVIA study includes an intervention component that fosters social connections among parents, teachers, and students that will help all students to reach their full potential. BUNAVIA is being designed by scientists from diverse fields, including sociology and demography, psychology, and education. The Project Coordinator is a 100% position for 3 years with the possibility for extension.

Job Responsibilities:

1. Help to develop and test a social network intervention and develop innovative measures of *social relationships, basic psychological and social skills, educational performance, parenting styles, lifestyles, and health* in the context of families, schools and neighborhoods;
2. Assist with the design and implementation of a multi-stage cluster sampling approach with a focus on recruitment and retention of participants; meet with school officials and other stakeholders to promote study;
3. Long-term planning and supervision of the network intervention as well as data collection.

We Offer:

- Possibility to publish research
- Support for further academic qualification in research, including the option to pursue a habilitation project
- International research contacts
- A lively, interdisciplinary workplace with an excellent research environment and close exchange among team members
- Salary and employment conditions according to cantonal (Zurich) regulations

Ideal Qualifications:

- Excellent PhD thesis using longitudinal theory and methods, with possible focus in education sciences, psychology, sociology, economics, neuroscience, or a related area
- Solid understanding of all aspects of the research process
- Experience with larger-scale data collection efforts and/or implementing interventions
- Excellent working knowledge of French and English language (German is not required, but strongly preferred)
- Comprehensive research design knowledge including statistical methods of longitudinal research
- Superb organizational and people skills; good self-presentation skills
- Prior experience working with schools, teachers, principals, and other decision-makers in the Swiss school system
- Ability to work in teams and independently

Furthermore, we are looking for a candidate with a thorough understanding of the educational system in Switzerland.

Desired starting date: TBD

The University of Zurich is an equity employer and strongly encourages applications from women and persons with disabilities.

Please send your application documents (letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, certificates, two reference letters) **until TBD** electronically summarized in **one single PDF** document to **Maria Schönholzer**, maria.schoenholzer@jacobscenter.uzh.ch.