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At the University of Neuchâtel we have an open position for a

Post-Doctoral Researcher (4 years, 100% FTE, part-time possible)

The start date will be 1 February 2027 or by mutual agreement. The successful applicant is expected to contribute to a major interdisciplinary project on **health disparities among migration-related populations in Switzerland**, funded by the SNSF. The project combines migration studies and public health to analyse mental and physical health outcomes, access barriers, and the role of policy contexts.

The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a prominent research and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel, specialized in questions of human migration and mobility. It has partnered with the Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI) at the University of Zürich, a leading research and teaching institution in the fields of public health, epidemiology, and preventive medicine.

Using a newly developed, purposefully sampled survey targeting specific migration-related groups, the project addresses disparities in mental and physical health, access barriers and discrimination in healthcare, and the role of policy and reception contexts in shaping health outcomes. Comparisons to the general population are foreseen via the Swiss Health Survey. You will play a central role in the project and be involved in all stages, from development to analysis, publication, and dissemination. Initially, you will help co-develop the survey instrument, drawing on validated measures from existing surveys, and incorporating insights from bottom-up consultations with members of migration-related populations. You will then support the survey implementation in REDCap and take a leading role in data analysis and publications. There is a strong commitment to data sharing and stakeholder engagement (public health, migration).

You will contribute to different analyses and publications alongside other members of the research team. We expect you to take primary responsibility for analyses on the role of context, which requires advanced modelling skills including multilevel regression models with cross-level interactions. You will be attached to the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies at the University of Neuchâtel, but the position is shared between the University of Neuchâtel and the University of Zürich, exposing you to two complementary research environments and their respective networks.

Your profile:

- PhD in a relevant discipline (public health, epidemiology, sociology, demography, political science, migration studies)
- strong quantitative skills, especially survey analysis, supported by relevant publications
- experience with or interest in interdisciplinary research, combining questions of migration and health
- familiarity with survey design and implementation, supported by relevant publications
- interest in open science practices (preregistration, data sharing)
- you enjoy working independently and as part of an interdisciplinary team

- strong organizational and communication skills, a high level of self-motivation, and the ability to work in a structured and conceptual manner
- excellent English skills
- German, French, or Italian are strong assets
- knowledge of migration and health systems in Switzerland is a strong asset
- knowledge of Dari, Pashto, Tigrinya, Tamil, Albanian, Ukrainian/Russian, or Turkish is welcome

What we offer:

- a fully funded four-year position in an interdisciplinary project with a strong publication strategy targeting journals in both public health and migration studies
- salary in accordance with university guidelines
- a budget for conference participation
- mentoring from leading senior researchers with complementary expertise
- a collaborative team including two PhD researchers and support staff
- exposure to two institutions and their distinct academic cultures
- the opportunity to shape a novel survey instrument from the ground up
- a project that actively engages with stakeholders and seeks real-world impact

The University of Neuchâtel is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Qualified candidates from all genders and candidates with a migration history are encouraged to apply. Requests for part-time positions will be considered.

Submitting your application: Applications (motivation letter, CV, names of two referees, a relevant research paper as a writing sample) should be submitted as a single PDF to didier.ruedin@unine.ch (also for queries). The position is open until filled; for full consideration, apply by **1 December 2026**.