

The recently established mLab at the Institute of Geography at the University of Bern, headed by the research units Geography and Sustainable Development (Prof. Susan Thieme) and Social and Cultural Geographies (Prof. Carolin Schurr), seeks

a lab coordinator

working at the intersection of digital/audio/visual media and geographic research

Terms of contract: 50 percent for 2 years (with possibilities of extension)
Starting date: 1 September 2019

The mLab (http://www.geography.unibe.ch/dienstleistungen/mlab/index_ger.html) at the Institute of Geography is an experimental, transformative and transdisciplinary space that seeks to engage with the digitalization of society and research in three ways:

1. Enhancing digital research methods: application of digital media in an innovative way through virtual ethnography (e.g. to access spaces of social media), audio-visual data collection (e.g. audio material, photographs, videos), the use of mobile apps and smartphones to collect real-time and in-situ data;
2. Advancing critical data literacy: Critical reflection on digital and in particular audio-visual data collection and representations;
3. Facilitating science engagement: Increasing the visibility of research through “Open Science”: Multimedia, crossmedia, and transmedia products as a way to visualize, present and disseminate research results to engage the public.

The successful candidate will develop and coordinate activities taking place in the mLab, explore new possibilities to engage with digital and audio-visual methods in research, teaching and science communication and to creatively challenge forms of knowledge production in times of digitalization.

The successful candidate will

- contribute to further establish and develop the mLab;
- explore digital and audio-visual methods in research, teaching and science communication;
- advise research projects and teaching how to integrate digital and audio-visual methods;
- coordinate activities and communication of the mLab
- network and connect the lab with institutions/people within and beyond the University of Bern.

Required qualifications:

- Professional education (M.A./ PhD) and working experience at the intersection of social sciences (human geography, visual anthropology and related fields) and digital media, film-making or audio-/ visual studies;
- Experience in the coordination of projects,
- Experience in film making and/or the production of cross-and transmedia products;
- Excellent spoken and written English;
- Excellent communication skills in interdisciplinary settings;
- Team spirit.

Assets:

- Experience in the development and advising of research projects using digital methods;
- Experience with science communication;
- Innovative pedagogical skills working with digital media;
- Fast learner and interest in taking continuous education courses;
- Capable to manage multiple projects at the same time;

We offer:

- Highly motivated team;
- Creative work environment;
- Well-equipped media laboratory;
- Possibilities of continuous education at the University of Bern;
- Flexible working hours;
- Salary according to the guidelines of the University of Bern, depending on the candidate's qualification and working experience.

The University of Bern is an equal opportunity employer and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity.

To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, certificates, 2 professional references and at least one working sample of your digital media work (broadly defined) by 23 June 2019 to amena.schwabe@giub.unibe.ch. Interviews will take place on July 9 from 10am-4pm at the Institute of Geography, University of Bern, Hallerstrasse 12, 3012 Bern. Invitations to the interview will be sent out by July 1. For inquiries about the position you can contact susan.thieme@giub.unibe.ch and carolin.schurr@giub.unibe.ch.