

## **4-year PhD position (100%) on the history of Soviet glaciology in Central Asia**

at the Department of Geosciences, Geography Unit, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

This PhD position is part of a Swiss National Science Foundation grant titled "Timescapes of ice: Soviet glacier science in Central Asia, 1950s-1980s". The PhD student will explore the social and material practices of Soviet glaciological research on Abramov glacier (Kyrgyzstan) and Tuyuk-Su glacier (Kazakhstan) in Central Asia between the 1950s and the 1980s.

### **Job description**

- Archival and library fieldwork in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Almaty (Kazakhstan) and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
- Publication of one or more scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals
- Writing up of PhD thesis (monograph or publication-based)
- Co-organisation of conference panels and international conference
- Support of PI in grant administration

### **Qualifications**

- A Master's degree with specialization in historical geography, environmental history, history of science, Russian/Soviet history or other relevant fields
- Evidence of publication capacity
- Strong background in social theory
- Interest and ability to work in a collaborative and interdisciplinary manner
- Native speaker or fluent in Russian, very good language skills in English

### **Conditions of employment**

The initial appointment will be for 12 months extendible to 4 years. Gross salary is in the range of 47-50K CHF per year (100%) and follows the salary scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

**Starting date:** 1 February 2021

### **Application**

Please submit the following documents as a single PDF file to Mrs Nicole Equey ([nicole.equey@unifr.ch](mailto:nicole.equey@unifr.ch))

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Publication list and one sample writing (e.g. Master thesis, scientific article)
- Names and contact information of two referees

**Deadline for application:** 15 October 2020

**Interviews:** late October 2020

All inquiries should be directed to Christine Bichsel ([christine.bichsel@unifr.ch](mailto:christine.bichsel@unifr.ch))

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