

4-year Postdoc position (80%) on the history of Soviet glaciology in Central Asia

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

This postdoctoral position is part of a Swiss National Science Foundation grant titled "Timescapes of ice: Soviet glacier science in Central Asia, 1950s-1980s". The postdoctoral researcher will carry out research on the history of Soviet glaciology by exploring its background in Imperial Russian sciences, its establishment and institutionalization during the Soviet Union, its scientific and political discourses, and its sites and research practices in Central Asia.

Job description

- Archival and library fieldwork in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Publication of minimum two scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals
- Co-editing of special issue in international peer-reviewed journal
- Co-organisation of conference panels and international conference
- Co-supervision of PhD student
- Support of PI in grant administration

Qualifications

- A completed PhD in historical geography, environmental history, history of science 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
- Research experience in former Soviet archives will be an asset

Conditions of employment

The initial appointment will be for 12 months extendible to 4 years. Gross salary is in the range of 65-70K CHF per year (80%) and follows the salary scale of the canton of Fribourg.

Starting date: 1 February 2021

Application

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

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Publication list and one sample writing (e.g. scientific article or book chapter)
- 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)

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