



## **Assistant/Doctoral student in "Business Administration" or "Management and Economics" 70%**

The [Professorship for Business and Personnel Economics](#) together with the [Swiss Leading House "Economics of Vocational and Professional Education and Training VPET-ECON"](#) offers a position for a PhD student (research assistant) in Economics of Education for an initial fixed term of three years starting immediately or by agreement.

### **About us:**

The Swiss Leading House "Economics of Vocational and Professional Education and Training VPET-ECON" is part of the Institute of Business Administration at the University of Zurich and the University of Bern, two leading research and teaching institutions in the German-speaking world. The Leading House is dedicated to economic research on vocational and professional education and training in Switzerland. The research uses state-of-the-art econometric methods, including machine learning, as well as innovative data sets and field experiments. The Leading House promotes young researchers, among other through special course programs for doctoral students.

### **Your tasks:**

You will work on empirical projects on economics of vocational education and personnel economics. The projects are linked to the Leading House VPET-ECON and the Professorship for Business and Personnel Economics. You will have access to an excellent national and international network of scholars and alumni in research and practice, and you will work in a dynamic team with a great support culture.

You participate in the international course program for doctoral students in Economics of Education and successfully complete it during your dissertation period. This includes a variety of professional development activities and ample opportunities to participate in international conferences. You will also participate in organizational tasks such as organizing international workshops or conferences and/or participate in teaching activities.

### **Your qualifications and interests:**

- University master degree with very good results in business administration or economics
- Interest in economics of education and/or personnel economics
- Very good econometric knowledge and experimental methods and/or an interest in expanding existing knowledge (e.g. also in Machine Learning or GenAI)
- Experience in data analysis with statistical programs such as STATA, Python, or R
- Commitment and independent working style
- Ability to work in a team
- Basic knowledge of German, very good knowledge of written and spoken English

### **Our offer:**

- Interesting dissertation topics as part of your project work
- Participation in a structured doctoral program in economics of education
- Competitive salaries in accordance with cantonal guidelines (salary level 17/03, <https://www.uzh.ch/de/about/work.html#0-0>)
- Financial support for participation in international conferences and workshops

### **Your application:**

Interested? Please send your complete application documents (letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, academic certificates and references) in one document by e-mail to Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. U. Backes-Gellner



([backes-gellner@business.uzh.ch](mailto:backes-gellner@business.uzh.ch)). Document review will start immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Information about the professorship, the Leading House, and the doctoral program can be found at <https://www.business.uzh.ch/de/research/professorships/emap.html> and <https://www.educationeconomics.uzh.ch/de.html>.

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