

An 18-month **postdoc position** funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation is available in my group at the University of Zurich on **"The Evolution and Genetics of Life-Histories over Three Centuries of Human Civilisation"**.

In this project you will use a unique genealogical dataset, covering three centuries and including thousands of individuals, to investigate how human life-histories are shaped by genes, culture and the environment. Combining ideas and techniques from biology, sociology and history, you will provide new insights into life as we know it.

This project requires someone who is independent and creative, and who has a highly quantitative and evolutionary mind-set. The ideal candidate furthermore has experience with the handling and analysis of large individual-based datasets, (quantitative genetic) mixed models and has excellent R programming skills. While some knowledge of the German language would be an advantage, it is not essential.

Our group works together closely with several other groups within our institute (www.ieu.uzh.ch), which makes for a stimulating and social working environment. The institute is very international and the working language is English.

Although the earliest possible starting date is June 1 2015, the actual starting date is negotiable.

Zurich consistently ranks amongst the cities with the highest quality of life. While it offers all the pleasures of living in a bigger city, thanks to its central location and excellent public transport system, it is easy to get out of the city and head for the mountains.

Applications should include 1) a cover letter, including a brief

description of what you have to offer to the project and our group, and what you hope to get back in return, 2) a detailed curriculum vitae and 3) the contact details of three references. This should be sent as a single pdf file to erik.postma@ieu.uzh.ch

Review of applications starts on 27 April 2015, but candidates are considered until the position is filled.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me (erik.postma@ieu.uzh.ch), or visit www.erikpostma.net.

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