

## **University of Zurich -- Switzerland -- URPP "Evolution in Action" Academic Fellow Position (4 years)**

About the URPP Evolution in Action The University Research Priority Program (URPP) "Evolution in Action: From Genomes to Ecosystems" invites applications for an Academic Fellow position. Evolutionary biology is a core area of biology and understanding the underlying mechanisms is of crucial importance for both basic and applied aspects of biology and medicine. Beyond the biological and medical fields, evolutionary concepts are an important theme in the social and economic sciences. The URPP Evolution in Action is set in this wide area of research (see

<http://www.evolution.uzh.ch/index.html>

). It brings together multiple research groups of the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Arts, and plays an important integrative role for diverse disciplines at the UZH. Tasks This is an opportunity for young scientists to pursue a period of independent research before taking a faculty position. The successful candidate will direct his/her own research under the mentorship of a senior faculty member. A central aspect of the URPP Evolution in Action is the use of next generation sequencing data to address important evolutionary questions. The research topic of the Academic Fellow must be linked to the research theme of the URPP Evolution in Action, and preferably include an integrative/interdisciplinary approach. The position in the midst of the diverse groups of the URPP Evolution in Action offers the unique opportunity to network and collaborate with both senior and junior scientists in a diverse range of disciplines. Requirements We are seeking outstanding young scientists who have recently received their Ph.D. degree or have completed a first postdoctoral position (application is possible up to 4 years after obtaining the Ph.D. degree). Applicants should have a strong and demonstrated background in the research area they propose to pursue as Academic Fellow. This position requires strong communication skills and the ability to interact with the diverse areas of expertise within the URPP Evolution in Action. The working language of the URPP Evolution in Action is English; German skills are helpful, but not essential. Offers We offer a friendly, international, dynamic and team-oriented scientific environment at the UZH. The UZH is the largest University of Switzerland with internationally leading institutes in the Life Sciences. The Academic Fellow position is available earliest in January 2015 and runs on a fixed-term contract of four years. The salary is competitive and the Academic Fellow position also includes a generous budget for running costs and support personnel. The UZH is an equal opportunity employer. Part-time work is possible. Zurich is an attractive city in beautiful surroundings, a multinational population, and many educational and recreational opportunities. Contact For questions relating to the position, kindly contact the Program Coordinator of the URPP Evolution in Action, Dr. Annegret Lesslauer. E-Mail

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Application Please send your application as single PDF-File by e-mail to Dr. Annegret Lesslauer,

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. Applications should include: full CV and publication list, a statement of research interests not exceeding three pages, and three academic references. Please use the keyword "Application Academic Fellow 2015" in the subject line.

### **Application**

**deadline is December 21, 2014.**

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