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Unique Research, Unique People - Join Us!

Who we are: Swiss Paraplegic Research (SPF) is a university-affiliated research institution committed to enhancing the functioning and quality of life of persons with spinal cord injury. SPF was accredited by the Swiss government in 2008. In 2009 it will establish two international research platforms: a joint *Seminar in Health Sciences and Health Policy* in collaboration with the University of Lucerne and *SwiSCI*, a clinical and community-based spinal cord injury cohort study. For background information please refer to "Developing Swiss Paraplegic Research: Building a research institution from the comprehensive perspective" in *Disability & Rehabilitation* 2008, Vol. 30(14): 1063 ff.

What we want: To achieve its ambitious mission, SPF is now recruiting **Group Leaders** for the *Seminar Projects* and the *SwiSCI Programs*. Group leaders will be expected to develop their own research agenda within the scope of the *Seminar* and *SwiSCI* and to actively collaborate with other research groups at SPF and the University of Lucerne. They will also be involved in the design and implementation of academic training programs, in particular the planned PhD Program in Integrative Health Sciences.

Who we are looking for: Ideal candidates have experience in grant writing and acquisition, peer reviewed publishing, student supervision and guidance and interdisciplinary collaboration. Formal training in research design, qualitative and quantitative methods, and health systems and services research is an advantage, as is some knowledge of German in addition to excellent English skills.

What we offer: SPF offers a structured career track including academic advancement through appropriate academic appointments at the University of Lucerne and perhaps as well, an affiliation in the candidate's primary discipline or professional school at another university.

SPF provides competitive remuneration in line with the University of Lucerne. Initial appointment will be for a fixed-term, re-engagement subject to mutual agreement. A detailed description of the positions can be found at www.paranet.ch/spf/research-jobs

How to apply: Applicants are invited to send documents in support of an application including a detailed curriculum vitae by mail to **Swiss Paraplegic Research, CH-6207 Nottwil, Switzerland**, or electronically to spf@paranet.ch. SPF also invites and encourages nominations of candidates, as it may invite applications. Closing deadline for applications or nominations is April 30.

Positions in SwiSCI Programs

Impairment Control and Health Maintenance: To complement our biomedically-oriented program in *Wheelchair and Shoulder* in collaboration with the Departments of Movement Sciences at the University of Groningen and the Vrije University Amsterdam we are now searching for group leaders to establish a clinically-oriented program in **Musculoskeletal Health and Pain (SPF01)** and a program in **Health Promotion, Health Maintenance and Aging (SPF02)**.

Participation and Social Integration: To complement our research programs in *Participation, Social Environment and Health* in collaboration with the Seminar of Sociology at the University of Lucerne and *Work Rehabilitation and Eligibility Determination* in collaboration with the Swiss Injury Insurance (SUVA) and the University of East Anglia, we aim to establish a research group focusing on **Engineering and Technology Solutions for Participation (SPF03)**.

Health Services and Care Research: To complement our current research program in *ICF-based Rehabilitation Management* in close cooperation with the Swiss Paraplegic Clinical Center (www.icf-casestudies.org) we will establish a research group in **Tech-nology Assessment and Health Economics (SPF04)**.

SwiSCI Coordination: We are seeking to appoint a **Study Coordinator (SPF05)** and an **Epidemiologist (SPF06)** to join the coordinating team with its medical officer and researchers currently developing the information model based on the ICF Core Sets for SCI.

Positions at the Seminar in Health Sciences and Health Policy

Human Functioning Project: This project aims to contribute to the understanding of the human experience of functioning through interrelated theoretical and empirical research using the ICF as a model. To expand our research agenda in collaboration with WHO we are now seeking group leaders for **Ontology and Classification of Functioning (SPF07)**, **ICF-based Measurement (SPF08)**, and **Epidemiology of Functioning and Disability (SPF09)**.

Disability Policy Project: The aim of this project is to elaborate issues arising from the adoption, implementation and monitoring of the *UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*. It will also focus on the impact of health and social policies on the participation of persons with spinal cord injury and other health conditions. We are now seeking to appoint group leaders to collaboratively develop streams of work in **Human Rights and Ethics (SPF10)** and **Disability Policies and Evidence for Policy (SPF11)**.

ICF Research Branch: With the expansion of the ICF Research Branch (www.icf-research-branch.org) towards an international collaborative effort we are now seeking a **Coordinator (SPF12)**.