

1-2 year open-rank position on the history of Soviet glaciology in Central Asia

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

This open-rank position is part of a Swiss National Science Foundation grant titled "Timescapes of ice: Soviet glacier science in Central Asia, 1950s-1980s". The successful candidate will carry out research on the history of Soviet glaciology, with a focus on Kazakhstan, 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 Kazakhstan (archive of the Academy of Science, National archive, interviews with stakeholders)
- Publication of one scientific article in an international peer-reviewed journal
- Co-organisation of conference panels and international conference
- Support of PI in grant administration

Qualifications

For application on PhD level:

- A Master's degree with specialization in historical geography, environmental history, history of science, Russian/Soviet history or other relevant fields
- Evidence of publication capacity
- Interest and ability to work in a collaborative and interdisciplinary manner
- Native speaker or fluent in Russian, very good language skills in English

For application on post-doc level:

- A completed PhD in historical geography, environmental history, history of science or other relevant fields
- Evidence of publication capacity
- 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

Conditions of employment

The appointment for the PhD level position is for 12 months extendible to 2 years. Gross salary is in the range of 47-50K CHF per year (100%). The appointment for the post-doc level position is for 12 months in the range of 65-70K CHF per year (80%). Both salaries follow the salary scale of the canton of Fribourg.

Starting date: 1 January 2023

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



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Deadline for application: 31 October 2022

Interviews: early to mid-November 2022

All inquiries should be directed to Christine Bichsel (christine.bichsel@unifr.ch)

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