



PhD Opportunity in Biomedical Ethics

The Institute for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Basel (IBMB), Switzerland (<http://ibmb.unibas.ch/>), is dedicated to research and teaching of biomedical ethics at the Medical and Science Faculties. We are regularly looking for dynamic and independent graduate students (Master's degree) or medical doctors who are interested in carrying out their PhD work in biomedical ethics. Current projects are related to digitalisation, AI, smart homes, reproductive medicine and advanced maternal age, and clinical ethics. You find further information on our ongoing projects on our website.

Positions: We support promising students in efforts to obtain scholarships and funded positions. Please send your application related to ongoing project topics as well as for “**open-track projects**”, where the applicant can choose his or her doctoral thesis topic. Depending on future funding, positions can start end of 2021 or beginning of 2022.

Length of PhD Program: 3 years (full-time)

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in philosophy, psychology, bioethics, (computer) science, medicine, and other related fields.
- Excellent language skills in English and German.
- Ability to speak and understand French is highly desirable.
- Willingness to contribute towards an empirical project.
- Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research design.
- Outstanding Master's and Bachelor's academic grades.
- Enthusiasm, responsibility and interest in an academic career.

We offer:

- Enrolment in a Swiss Bologna accredited PhD Program in Bioethics, Health Policy and Legal medicine.
- Student will complete empirical methods courses as part of the PhD Program in order to successfully conduct their PhD Project.
- Student will have the opportunity to engage in a cutting-edge topic of ethics in relation to digitalization, genetics and other health technologies, as well as related to clinical ethics.
- Student will also have the possibility to contribute to the academic life at the IBMB, including contributions to teaching, as well as collaboration in other research projects and academic publications in peer reviewed journals.

Environment: The University of Basel is the oldest Swiss university with a long tradition in ethics and the humanities. It has a long-standing reputation in outstanding research and teaching. Doctoral candidates at the University come from many international countries providing a vibrant and rich community. More information about the University is available at <https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/About-University.html>. The city of Basel is a global centre for biomedical research with major academic institutions and research departments of leading life science companies. Basel is a multicultural city and ranks among the best in terms of quality of life.

Applications: Applications must be submitted in English and should include in a single PDF file: (1) A detailed CV, including an overview of study results (grades), the title of your master thesis, contact information of (at least) two (academic) referees, and a PDF-file of the master thesis; (2) A motivation letter (maximum two pages, double-spaced, font 12), specifying your interests in the topic and PhD at Basel.

Applications should be sent via email directly to Prof. Bernice Elger (b.elger@unibas.ch).