

PhD Opportunity in Biomedical Ethics and/or Social Psychology

Project: The **Institute for Biomedical Ethics (IBMB)** at the University of Basel (<http://ibmb.unibas.ch/>), is dedicated to research and teaching of biomedical ethics at the Medical and Science Faculties. In collaboration with the **Center for Social Psychology** (<https://psychologie.unibas.ch/en/faculty/centers/social-psychology/>) we are currently looking for dynamic and independent graduate students (Master's degree) or physicians who are interested in carrying out their PhD work in biomedical ethics or psychology. The PhD position is part of an exciting research project on **loneliness and social exclusion** funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The project collects qualitative interview data as well as quantitative panel data to investigate ethical and psychological aspects of loneliness alleviation and prevention (during and beyond the Covid-19-pandemic). The project also offers the opportunity to develop and pursue own research questions that expand the state of knowledge on loneliness and social exclusion.

Starting date/length of PhD program: At the earliest **1.6.2024**; not later than **1.9.2024**; duration: 3 years

Your tasks:

- Coordinating and managing a research project including carrying out qualitative interviews and analyzing a large panel data set
- Continuing your education/training (e.g., taking courses on research methods)
- Mentoring research assistants, supervising students and reviewing their contributions
- Documenting and presenting research findings in English
- Taking responsibility for various organizational processes at the IBMB

Your qualifications:

- Master's degree in ethics, philosophy, psychology, bioethics, law, medicine, or other related fields.
- Very good Master's and Bachelor's academic grades.
- Excellent language skills in English.
- Willingness to contribute towards an empirical project.
- Ability to speak and understand French (highly desired: German and French).
- Excellent knowledge of research methods and statistics; ideally you are familiar with the analysis of large panel data sets; at a minimum, you are willing to quickly learn these skills independently.
- High level of commitment, intrinsic motivation, enthusiasm, and responsibility.
- You wish to be an integral part of an international team and contribute to its success.
- Your long term goal is an academic career.
- You have strong organizational skills and the ability to work independently

We offer:

- Enrolment in a Swiss Bologna accredited PhD Program in Bioethics and Health Policy at one of the leading research universities in Europe, in collaboration with the Center for Social Psychology
- An attractive salary and well-equipped working environment
- Positive and productive working atmosphere in which you can develop yourself and realize your potential with in a dedicated team that enjoys collaborating on various projects
- Opportunity to engage in a cutting-edge interdisciplinary topic (ethic, psychology)
- Empirical methods courses in order to successfully conduct your PhD Project
- You will also have the possibility to contribute to the academic life at the IBMB, including contributions to teaching, collaboration in other research projects and academic publications in scientific journals.

Environment: The University of Basel is the oldest Swiss university with a long tradition in ethics and the humanities and is committed to diversity, equal opportunities and family-friendliness. It has a long-standing reputation in outstanding research and teaching. Its doctoral candidates come from many international countries providing a vibrant and rich community. More information about the University is available at the following website: <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: must be in English, in a single PDF file (file name: last name, first name): (1) motivation letter (max. 1 page, font 11); (2) detailed CV, including an overview of study results (grades), title of your master thesis, contact information of (at least) two (academic) referees; (3) PDF of the master thesis; sent to Dr DeClerq (eva.declercq@unibas.ch) and Prof. B. Elger (b.elger@unibas.ch) with email subject "PhD Loneliness" by **May 20th 2024**.