



Research Associate: Spirituality and Health in International Development.

80-100%

This project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), investigates the cooperation between religious leaders, communities, and faith-based organisations (FBOs) and the various organisations and programmes of the United Nations (such as UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Bank, etc.)

Based at the Professorship for Spiritual Care at the University of Zurich, this project is specifically interested in the concepts and models of health and healthcare which emerged in this context over the past three decades, and how these are relevant to the Swiss public health system, and the engagement of Switzerland in global health.

Your responsibilities

- Build on and extend our existing network of contacts.
- Conduct extensive interviews, archival research and, where appropriate, participant-observation of health-related activities conducted by UN actors and their faith-based partners.
- Publish high-quality, peer reviewed research articles and/or an edited volume within the context of the SNRF-project "Spirituality and Health in the United Nations: Global Norms and Local Practices".
- Engage in knowledge exchange activities.
- Collaborate with other members of the research group.

Your profile

- You should have completed, or have nearly completed, a PhD degree in one of the following fields: social, cultural or medical anthropology; theology; religious studies; development studies; political science/international relations; public health; global health, or a related field.
- You have a proven ability to publish high-quality, peer-reviewed scientific articles in your field.
- You have previous experience researching one, two or more of the following thematic intersections: (1) spirituality/religion, (2) global health, (3) United Nations/international development organizations.
- Work experience in a UN agency or international development actor is a plus.
- You are familiar with interview methodology, archival work and/or participant-observation.
- You have excellent English language skills (spoken and written).
- You have the ability to take initiative and work independently, are a reliable team player, and have excellent time management.

What we offer

- A highly competitive salary in accordance with the salary scale of the canton of Zurich.
- A friendly, cooperative working environment.
- A generous travel budget to conduct field research and present your work at international conferences.
- The opportunity to work independently and remotely as agreed upon.
- The opportunity to build your network in UN programmes and institutions and their faith-based partners.

Place of work

Kirchgasse 9, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland

Start of employment: March 1st 2023, or by arrangement.

Duration of employment: March 1st 2023 – June 30th 2025

Applications should include a motivation letter, a CV and a sample of 2-3 publications you have authored.

Deadline is January 31th, 2023. Send to: fabian.winiger@uzh.ch