

swisspeace is a practice-oriented peace research institute associated with the University of Basel. It is a member of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences and has working relationships with many Universities worldwide. swisspeace contributes to the improvement of conflict prevention and conflict transformation by producing innovative research, shaping discourses on international peace policy, developing and applying new peacebuilding tools and methodologies, supporting and advising other peace actors, as well as by providing and facilitating spaces for analysis, discussion, critical reflection and learning.

To reinforce its Mediation Program, swisspeace is looking for a

Senior Researcher (80%-100%)

Starting date: 1 November 2018 (or by agreement – 1 January 2019 at the latest)

The swisspeace Mediation Program supports ongoing mediation processes and conducts mediation related research projects. It provides training for mediators, diplomats, UN staff, peacebuilding practitioners and representatives of conflict parties. It cooperates closely with partner organizations from Switzerland, the EU, the UN and specific conflict regions.

Your tasks:

- Develop innovative multiannual research projects related to mediation and raise funds from Swiss and international research funding bodies;
- Generate high-quality research outputs (academic publications, participation in international conferences, networking, policy-relevant documents etc.) and contribute to strengthening the international research profile of swisspeace;
- Supervise and support MA and PhD students;
- Teach at the University of Basel at the graduate and postgraduate level;
- Contribute actively to the dialogue between research, policy and practice in the mediation field and beyond;
- Contribute to shaping and implementing swisspeace's overall strategic development and strengthen its visibility;
- Possibly act as research coordinator, creating spaces for exchange between researchers at swisspeace and representing swisspeace in research-related events and with academic partners.

Your profile:

- PhD in political science, international relations, sociology, history, social anthropology or a related discipline, with particular interest and expertise in peace studies and mediation;
- Excellent research track record with peer-reviewed publications in top-ranked academic journals and relevant contributions at academic conferences;
- Proven ability to acquire research funding;
- Previous teaching experience is an asset;
- Links with universities and research institutions in Switzerland and abroad;
- Strong interest in exchanges between research, policy and practice, and in supporting the successful implementation of ongoing mandates and practice projects;
- Excellent written and spoken English. German and French are assets.

Our offer:

- Attractive working conditions in a small, professional and dynamic team and a workplace in the heart of Bern, Switzerland. (Office relocation from Bern to Basel foreseen from mid-/end 2019 onwards.)
- An inspiring job in an attractive and international field of work with political relevance.

We look forward to receiving your complete application in English, including the following documents:

- Motivation letter;
- CV with a list of publications and the names of 3 referees;
- Diplomas of academic degrees;
- Your 3 most relevant academic publications;
- A 2-page outline of a research agenda related to mediation, to be developed into a future grant proposal.

Please send your application to jobs@swisspeace.ch by 16 September 2018 mentioning 'Senior Researcher Mediation' in the subject line. More information about swisspeace can be found at www.swisspeace.ch.