

Quantitative researcher/scientific collaborator (70-80%) in the SHARE team at the University of Lausanne

The project

The Swiss SHARE team is looking for a quantitative researcher/scientific collaborator (70-80%) to support its research and survey operations in Switzerland. The position is part of the European SHARE project (Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe) and the national SHARE End-of-life project. Initiated in 2002, SHARE is a multidisciplinary and longitudinal study of people aged 50 and over. SHARE covers a variety of aging-related topics such as health, health care use, work, family and social network, housing, income and savings in 27 European countries and Israel. In Switzerland, the SHARE study is conducted by an interdisciplinary research team from the University of Lausanne (UNIL) and the Swiss Centre for Expertise in Social Sciences (FORS). In 2014, the SHARE Swiss team under the leadership of Professor Jürgen Maurer initiated a project on end-of-life issues as part of SHARE survey in Switzerland. This project is executed in collaboration with Professor Gian Domenico Borasio and Professor Ralf Jox of the palliative care and support team of the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) and focuses on preferences, knowledge, attitudes and behaviours related to end-of-life care and planning in the general population aged 50 and over. Corresponding data were collected as part of the SHARE surveys of 2015 and 2019. Both SHARE Switzerland and the SHARE end-of-life project are funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

Your responsibilities

As a quantitative researcher/scientific collaborator in this project, you will carry out both scientific research (50%) and operational tasks (50%). Specifically, you will contribute to quantitative SHARE-based research on end-of-life issues in Switzerland by conducting quantitative analyses of SHARE data and writing scientific articles based on your findings for peer-reviewed journals. In addition, you will be jointly responsible for the implementation of the SHARE study in Switzerland. You will prepare contact letters, explanatory flyers, translate questionnaires, take part in the training of interviewers, monitor the survey field and do data cleaning. You are also strongly encouraged to undertake a PhD at the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of

the University of Lausanne based on your research using the SHARE end-of-life data. As your research work will be carried out in collaboration with both the SHARE Swiss team and the palliative care and support team of the CHUV, you will benefit from a stimulating multidisciplinary research environment and interactions with a dynamic team.

Your qualifications

You have a master degree in social sciences, economics, psychology, medicine or other related disciplines and strong interest in issues related to aging, health and end of life as well as experience in quantitative empirical research. You have good methodological skills and knowledge of statistical software (e.g. STATA, SPSS). You are diligent, persevering and independent, but enjoy working in a team. You are a native speaker of Italian, German or French and have excellent oral and written skills in English.

What the position offers you

You will work in a motivated research team with a network of national and international research groups.

We offer a good work environment in the context of a multicultural, diverse and dynamic research project as well as opportunities for professional training and international travel.

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Job information

Starting date: 01.03.2021 or to be agreed.

Duration of contract: 1 year, renewable for another 2 years (subject to performance)

Employment rate: 70-80%

Workplace: Lausanne Campus

Salary: According to the regulations of the University of Lausanne

Application deadline: 10.01.2021

Applications must include a letter of motivation, a CV, copies of diplomas (all in English) as well as contact details of two references. Further submission of a writing sample (in English) would be a plus. Applications must be sent to sarah.vilpert@unil.ch