

PhD position in Economics of Education

The **Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (EHB)** and the **University of Zurich (UZH)** are seeking a highly motivated PhD student in **economics of education** to start in **summer 2025**. This position is fully funded by EHB, Bern, Switzerland, and offers the opportunity to work closely with Prof. Jürg Schweri (EHB) and Prof. Anne Brenøe (UZH).

The successful candidate will be involved in a **field experiment on occupational choice in Switzerland**, contributing to cutting-edge research at the intersection of education and labor markets. Given the nature of the project, **proficiency in German is required**.

What We Offer

- **PhD enrollment at UZH:** You will be part of the **Graduate School of Business**, engaging with an active research community across the **Faculty of Business, Economics, and Informatics**.
- The opportunity to work on **cutting-edge research projects** in applied microeconomics.
- A dynamic, **friendly, and collaborative work environment** in two leading research institutions.
- The possibility to interact with **internationally renowned researchers**.
- A **practice-oriented setting** with access to new datasets and opportunities for knowledge exchange.
- Participation in **education economics projects** without teaching obligations.
- An **individual dissertation budget** for courses and conference attendance.
- **Attractive remuneration**.
- A **five-year employment duration** (contract of three years plus two, depending on dissertation progress).

Your Profile

The candidate must have (or be on track to complete) a **Master's degree in Economics** or a related quantitative field with excellent academic performance. Strong training in microeconomics, econometrics, and statistics is required.

We are looking for a candidate who:

- Has a strong motivation for **scientific research** in applied microeconomics, particularly in the **economics of education**.
- Possesses **good organizational skills**.
- Has **excellent oral and written communication skills** in **English and German**.
- Has hands-on experience with **statistical software** such as Stata, R, or Python (formal post-undergraduate work experience is **not required**).
- Is a **reliable team player** who also enjoys working independently and solving problems.
- Has a motivation for **policy-oriented work** in **Swiss Vocational Education and Training**.
- Is willing to **work hard, be self-motivated, and continuously learn**.

How to Apply

The official job posting will be online very soon: <https://www.ehb.swiss/ehb/jobs>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out: Juerg.Schweri@ehb.swiss, anne.brenoe@business.uzh.ch

We look forward to receiving your application!