

The University of Lucerne is the youngest university in Switzerland. Founded in 2000, it has four faculties and around 3,000 students. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences with its eight institutes and departments focuses on interdisciplinarity and innovation in research and teaching. The Faculty offers its almost 800 students a range of courses that are unique in Switzerland, placing great emphasis on excellent support and a close link between research and teaching activities.

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSL) is offering from **1st of October 2022**

annual seed money funding for doctoral student

(one year, workload 45%, gross salary for one year CHF 42'336)

The GSL offers highly-qualified doctoral students at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (KSF) a well-structured, intensively supervised doctoral studies program.

The seed money funding is intended to support new researchers to draw up a research project to be carried out at the University of Lucerne as part of a doctoral dissertation. A funding application should be submitted to the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) or other funding body after six months at the latest.

The successful applicant is expected to be highly motivated and to carry out an independent, multi-year research project as an active member of the Graduate School. An interim evaluation will take place after three months.

Applicants must hold a master's degree in the humanities or social sciences or will do so by October 1st 2022 and need to fulfill the admission requirements for doctoral students at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. A confirmation of supervision and a letter of recommendation by a professor of the KSF is required (for further details see the list of documents to be handed in below).

Interviews with selected candidates will take place on August 23rd, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m..

Before applying, please carefully study the second page of this PDF.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. Christina Cavedon via christina.cavedon@unilu.ch

The following documents must be provided in electronic form (PDF) **via our job portal www.unilu.ch/jobs** by **August 1st 2022**:

- Letter of motivation/reasons for the application
- CV (with list of publications where appropriate)
- Master diploma
- Assessment of master's thesis (if not yet available: assessment of bachelor's thesis)
- Project description and description of intended dissertation (max. 5 pages)
- Confirmation of supervision and letter of recommendation from a professor at the KSF (incl. suitability of the applicant and the suitability of the project to the activities of the chair)
- Information on the planned funding application: name of the foundation/funding institution, name of the funding instrument, application date

Information on the GSL's doctoral program can be found at www.unilu.ch/gsl

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Information Sheet: Annual Seed Money Fall Term 2022

Dates Fall Term 2022

Deadline applications:	August 1 st , 2022
Interviews:	August 23 rd , between 1 and 4 p.m. (no other slots available)
Notification of awards:	August 31 st , 2022 (at the latest)
Position begins:	October 1 st , 2022

Information for Seed-Money

Before applying, please carefully read the information available on the GSL website ("[Admission to Doctoral Studies](#)") in order to find out whether you can actually be admitted as a doctoral student at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (which is a precondition for being granted the seed funding).

The seed money provides a gross salary of CHF 42'336 for the employment from October 1st, 2022 – September 30th, 2023 (social security contributions will be deducted).

If possible, the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Lucerne (GSL) will provide a workstation at the University of Lucerne.

Obligations

- The primary supervisor for the dissertation is a [professorial staff member](#) at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences qualified to supervise doctoral theses.
- The funding is to be used to prepare a research proposal for application for financial support by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) or another provider.
- An interim report (at three months) will demonstrate that a completed research proposal by six months is realistic.
- A final report is to be submitted to the executive board of the GSL at the end of the funding period.
- An application for doctoral studies at the University of Lucerne and within the scope of the GSL is to be made no later than the completion of the funding period and successful research proposal.

It is not permitted to simultaneously submit a request for seed money to the GSL and apply for plusBridge funding from the University of Lucerne research committee (FoKo).

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