

Research Assistant/PhD student (100%)

- **Department:** The Institute for Bioethics and Medical Ethics, University of Basel, Switzerland (IBMB), is dedicated to research and teaching of bioethics at the Science and the Medical Faculties, as well as the Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (a department of the ETH Zurich, located in Basel), starting May 1, 2011. We are currently establishing a new research team in biomedical ethics and are looking for enthusiastic collaborators (PhD students), who share our dedication to study challenging ethical problems related to the life sciences.
- **Available:** 1.5.2011 or to be negotiated
- **Salary:** 43 000 Swiss francs per year
- **Contract type:** After one test year, extension for 3 more years is negotiable.

Main job purpose:

- Collaboration in research projects and publications in bioethics/ethics and human rights.
- Contributions to the academic life of the IBMB, including the planning and realization of research projects, academic publications in peer reviewed journals and small-scale contributions to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching (tandem teaching and independent teaching), administration of the academic institute.
- Possibility to collaborate in research on ethics and human rights teaching to students of the life sciences or medicine, scientists and physicians, including a book publication, assist in building an ethics curriculum at the science faculty and the D-BSSE (ETH).
- PhD thesis on questions related to bioethics (including research ethics, biotechnology, genetics), medical ethics and/or human rights.

Qualifications:

- Good/excellent academic grades/evaluations.
- Enthusiasm, independence, responsibility, interest in academic career.
- Master in bioethics and/or (bio-/health) law, social sciences, life sciences, medicine and/or philosophy/theology with strong interest in bioethical and human rights problems.
- Experience with quantitative/qualitative research methods (including SPSS/PASW/Atlas.ti) is a plus.
- Writing skills (ideally at least one publication as first author in a peer reviewed journal).
- Experience in bioethics/law/human rights, research ethics including animal ethics; environmental ethics, medical ethics or related areas is valuable.
- Excellent English (both speaking and writing); in addition good knowledge of German and/or French.

We offer: Stimulating interdisciplinary job environment in a newly established Institute for Biomedical Ethics, as part of a young, dynamic team. Possibility to participate in a Swiss Bologna accredited 3 year PhD program in biomedical ethics and the law (in English, Basel/Zurich). Close collaboration with the Institute for Biomedical Ethics of the University of Zurich. Possibility to have access to relevant staff development opportunities and opportunity to become involved in bids for further grant funding in areas related to bioethics/medical ethics/human rights.

Environment: Basel University is the oldest Swiss university with a long tradition in ethics and the humanities. Basel is a global centre for biomedical research, with major academic institutions and research departments of leading life science companies. The Biozentrum is an internationally renowned institute for basic life science research. With over 400 employees from 30 countries, it is the largest natural science department of the University of Basel. Basel hosts internationally well known programs in nanotechnology, nanomedicine and synthetic biology.

Applications: Please send your applications before March 1, 2011 (electronically as a single pdf document, not more than 4000 ko) including CV, publication record, 1-2 publications, and a concise outline of prior academic experience together with addresses of up to 3 references to Prof. B. Elger: Bernice.Elger@unige.ch

Applications by female talented young scholars interested in an academic career are particularly encouraged.

For questions: Please contact Prof. B. Elger: Bernice.Elger@unige.ch

