



Liebes MVUB-Mitglied

Dear member of the Intermediate Staff Association at the University of Bern (MVUB)

Before the year is over, we would like to draw your attention to the following events and announcements. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a great start into the New Year!

News

- **University committees - vacancies**

There are several vacancies in University committees at the moment. Intermediate staff member are wanted on the following committees:

- Kommission für Qualitätssicherung und -entwicklung: 1 Sitz VDD (oberer Mittelbau)
- Finanz- und Planungskommission: 1 Sitz VAA (unterer Mittelbau)
- Kommission für Nachhaltige Entwicklung: 1 Sitz VAA (unterer Mittelbau)
- Sozialfondskommission der SUB: 1 Sitz (unterer oder oberer Mittelbau)
- Stiftung Mensabetriebe: 1 Sitz VAA (unterer Mittelbau)

Good German skills are required. The committees usually meet 1-2 times per semester.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact info@mvub.unibe.ch. An overview of our representatives on University committees can be accessed on our [website](#).

- **Article in *NZZ am Sonntag* "Wie die ETH und die Universitäten Talent verschwenden"**

On 2 December the *NZZ am Sonntag* published an article about the situation of doctoral students and postdocs at Swiss universities. [Read more](#) (in German)

- **SNSF Flexibility Grants for researchers with families – starts 1 January 2018**

Flexibility Grants are aimed at postdocs and doctoral students who have to look after children at an important stage in their career and are therefore in need of more flexibility. The Flexibility Grant offers researchers two options to balance their professional and private lives: on the one hand, it can provide funding to help cover the external child care costs charged to the researcher. On the other hand, it can be used to help finance the salary of a support person, allowing the grantee to reduce his/her work quota. [More](#)

- **Workshop 'Veterinary Ethics, Legislation and Animal Welfare' – 15-16 January 2018**

The changing human-animal relationships entails benefits but also challenges. These include issues related to therapy and euthanasia of pets; to utility, transport and slaughter of farm animals; to hunt and fishery; to the use of animals for experiments; or to the massive killing of animals within the scope of epidemics control. In this workshop, we will use specific case studies to discuss and illuminate such issues from three perspectives: Veterinary ethics, animal protection legislation and animal welfare. The workshop is meant for people working in academia or related fields interested in ethics, ranging from veterinary and human medicine to philosophy, theology, agri business, law, psychology and life sciences. Free of charge, in German and English, at the Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern. [More](#)

- **Berrow Foundation Scholarships for Oxford – deadline 19 January 2018**

Six or more scholarships are awarded each year to enable graduates of Swiss universities to undertake a course of advanced study at the University of Oxford as members of Lincoln College. The Berrow Foundation Scholarships and Berrow Foundation Lord Florey Scholarships

cover all University and College fees, college accommodation costs and a generous living allowance. They are tenable for up to three years. [More](#)

- **UniBE Initiator Grants – application deadline 29 January 2018**

The Vice-Rectorate Research has an open call for applications for the 5th UniBE Initiator Grants. This funding scheme supports early career researchers in the preparation of post-PhD funding applications. The use of the grant depends on the individual needs. A maximum of CHF 20,000 can be requested. The evaluation of the submitted proposals will be carried out by the SNF Research Commission of the University of Bern. [More](#)

- **SNSF Postdoc.Mobility – first call - submission deadline 1 February 2018**

Postdoc.Mobility fellowships replace Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships with immediate effect, supporting postdocs who wish to conduct or extend a research stay abroad. The fellowships are in principle granted for 24 months, but never for less than 12 months. [More](#)

- **SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships and SNSF Eccellenza Grants - submission deadline 15 February 2018**

The new SNSF Eccellenza funding schemes are intended for highly qualified young researchers who aspire to a permanent professorship. This scheme enables them to achieve their goal as leaders of a generously funded research project and team at a higher education institution in Switzerland. [More](#)

- **ERC Consolidator Grants 2018 – applications by 15 February 2018**

Up to EUR 2 million for a ground-breaking basic research project. Intended for outstanding researchers with 7-12 years of experience after PhD (or equivalent). [More](#)
Please contact the Grants Office for further information: grantsoffice@research.unibe.ch

- **Friedwart Bruckhaus-Förderpreis – application deadline 28 February 2018**

Die Schleyer-Stiftung vergibt einen Förderpreis für junge Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler zum Thema "Die Gestaltung der digitalen Revolution - Veränderungen in Wirtschaft, Staat und Gesellschaft". Application deadline is 28 February 2018. [More](#) (in German)

- **Förderung von guter Lehre an der Uni Bern – Antragsfrist 28. Februar 2018**

Förderung Innovativer Lehre (FIL): Die Uni Bern vergibt im Rahmen des FIL-Projekts Personalpunkte an Institute. Dadurch erhalten Sie als Dozierende/r bzw. Projektverantwortliche/r zeitliche Freiräume für die Konzeption, Durchführung und Evaluation eines innovativen Lehrprojekts (z.B. Neukonzeption einer Lehrveranstaltung, Adaptation eines Prüfungsformats, Einführung von Blended-Learning-Angeboten etc.) [Mehr zu FIL](#)

Förderung Interdisziplinärer Lehrveranstaltungen (FIV): Die Uni Bern stellt den am FIV-Projekt teilnehmenden Instituten Zusatzmittel (Personalpunkte oder finanzielle Beiträge) zur Verfügung. Diese können für die Durchführung einer Lehrveranstaltung eingesetzt oder als Anschubfinanzierung für nachhaltige Entwicklungen in der interdisziplinären Lehre verstanden werden. [Mehr zu FIV](#)

- **U Change - Studentische Initiativen für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung (2017-20)**

Das Programm finanziert innovative studentische Projekte zur nachhaltigen Entwicklung (NE) und zur Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung (BNE) sowie Unterstützungsplattformen für Studierendenprojekte. Es wird vom Netzwerk für transdisziplinäre Forschung (td-net) der Akademien der Wissenschaften Schweiz geleitet und von der Universität Bern mit Matching Funds unterstützt. Förderbeiträge: bis 75'000 CHF pro Projekt. **Eingabefrist: 28. Februar 2018**
Alle Hochschulangehörigen sowie alle an der Universität Bern eingeschriebenen Studierenden (auf Bachelor-, Master- oder Doktoratsstufe) können Projekte einreichen. [Mehr](#)

- **SNSF Doc.Mobility and Early Postdoc.Mobility – submission deadline 1 March 2018**

If you are planning to apply for one of these mobility grants, please contact the secretary of the SNSF Research Commission at the University of Bern for further information prior to the submission of your application. [More](#)

- COMET Career Program for Female Researchers – application deadline 16 March 2018**

Coaching, Mentoring and Training for female researchers: The University of Bern's career program COMET complements the University's already existing mentoring program and is aimed specifically at female postdoctoral researchers of all faculties. The career program COMET supports female researchers in successfully pursuing their academic careers. By means of an individually customized program, the participants enhance their skills, their know-how and motivation. The next round of COMET starts in spring 2018. [More](#)
- Gute Lehre an der Universität Bern: vielseitig, innovativ, vernetzt – 13. April 2017**

Im Rahmen dieses Einführungstages für neu angestellte Mittelbauangehörige mit Lehrtätigkeit erhalten Sie die Möglichkeit, sich mit anderen Dozierenden, Assistierenden und PostDocs zu vernetzen, lernen die Universität Bern und ihre Strategien besser kennen und erhalten hilfreiche Tipps zu Themen wie Verbindung von Forschung und Lehre, zu innovativen Lehrformen, E-Tools für die Lehre und zu Konfliktmanagement. Sprache: Deutsch.

Wann: 13. April 2018, 9.15-18 Uhr

Wo: Haus der Universität, Schösslistrasse 5, 3008 Bern

Anmeldefrist: 13. Februar 2018

Kinderbetreuung: Kinder im Alter zwischen 4 Monaten und 7 Jahren kostenfrei in einer KITA der Stiftung KIHOB betreuen zu lassen. [Programm und Anmeldung](#)
- Fund for the Promotion of Young Researchers - submission deadline 16 April 2018**

The fund aims to encourage networking activities of young researchers from PhD level upwards. In an efficient and quick procedure, original and innovative ideas that strengthen independence and personal skills are financed with a maximum of CHF 5,000. Projects must be carried out in 2019. [Learn more](#)
- CAS Sustainable Development / CAS Nachhaltige Entwicklung**

Sustainability is a big promise: of a good life for all people – today and in the future, in the North as well as in the South. The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Sustainable Development provides participants with a solid basis in knowledge for sustainable development, offers space for reflection, and reveals tailored solutions for implementation. The extra-occupational course of studies is aimed at professionals in public administration, private industry, or NGOs, who wish to engage on behalf of sustainable development. If you work for the University of Bern and have a university degree, you may be eligible for a reduction of the participation fee. Apply quickly (weiterbildung@cde.unibe.ch); the first three applications will be considered. The courses are organized by the Center for Development and Environment at the University of Bern and are held in German. [More](#)
- Weiterbildungsstudiengang CAS Forschungsmanagement**

Die einjährige, berufsbegleitende Weiterbildung, die mit einem Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) abschliesst, richtet sich an Forschende und Personen, die Managementaufgaben im Forschungskontext innehaben oder zukünftig übernehmen möchten.

Preisreduktion für Doktorierende der Universität Bern: Im Sinne der Nachwuchsförderung wird Doktorierenden der Universität Bern neu eine Reduktion des Studiengangsgesamtbetrags von CHF 3000.- angeboten. Bitte nehmen Sie dazu im Vorfeld mit dem Zentrum für Universitäre Weiterbildung (ZUW) Kontakt auf. [Mehr](#)
- European career network Academic Positions platform**

The more international higher education is becoming, the more difficult it becomes for graduates, researchers and academics to get an overview of the available career opportunities worldwide. The Academic Positions platform offers a variety of PhD fellowships, Post Doc positions, Tenure tracks and Professorships from thousands of universities and institutions worldwide. Visit the career network at www.academicpositions.eu.
- Grants Office**

The University of Bern's [Grants Office](#) offers support and advice to all researchers at the University of Bern in queries regarding research funding.

- **'Transferable Skills' – free courses for PhD Students and Postdocs**

Transferable skills are competencies acquired in one context that can be applied to other contexts, jobs, positions, functions or fields of work. Solid project management skills, for example, are required in research as well as in various other fields (construction projects, development projects, advertising or election campaigns). The courses are free of charge for PhD students and postdocs at the University of Bern. [Course program](#)

- **Workshops, courses and events offered by the Welcome Center at Uni Bern**

The Welcome Center at the University of Bern organises a range of courses and events for international researchers and students. [More](#)

- **SUB Social Fund for MVUB members**

The SUB Social Fund provides financial support for students and MVUB members (PhD students) who find themselves in difficult economic situations. The Social Funds Committee can grant up to 5000 CHF in interest-free loans or scholarships (which do not have to be repaid). [More](#)

- **Foundations and funds database**

The [foundations and funds](#) database offers researchers and students an overview of relevant research promoting foundations and funds that grant scholarships, award prizes, or financially support research projects (interface in German).

Notice: Intermediate staff at the Faculties

In many faculties, the intermediate staff are interconnected and inform members about relevant topics. Here are the links to the websites of mid-staff and of the contacts at the faculties:

Faculty of Science:	Information about Mittelbau Phil.-nat.
Faculty of Humanities:	Information about Mittelbau Phil.-hist.
Faculty of Human Sciences:	Information about Mittelbau Phil.-hum.
Faculty of Law:	Faculty board delegates , contact Philipp Stehlin
Faculty of Theology:	Contact Nancy Rahn
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences:	Contact Jacqueline Thomet or Sophie Altermatt
Faculty of Medicine:	Contact Prof. Dr. med. Marcel Arnold (President VDM)
Vetsuisse Faculty:	Contact Dr. Walter U. Basso

Why become a MVUB member?

- Voice on University committees
- Information (Newsletter, Info-Emails)
- Interconnection with intermediate staff from other disciplines
- Ideational support
- Discounts and preferred admission to MVUB events
- Free legal advice