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## PhD Student in Clinical Epidemiology

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The Institute of Primary Health Care of the University of Bern (BIHAM) is dedicated to train and foster the next generation of primary care physicians and to carry out research in primary health care, epidemiology, and public health. The BIHAM offers a lively, interdisciplinary environment with excellent methodological support and access to a large network of practicing primary care physicians.

We are looking for a PhD Student in Clinical Epidemiology to join the research team of the BIHAM ([www.biham.unibe.ch](http://www.biham.unibe.ch)) and work on research project funded by the Swiss National Science Fund (SNSF) about the association between subclinical thyroid dysfunction and the risk of different clinical outcomes by using existing individual data from the international Thyroid Studies Collaboration ([www.thyroid-studies.org](http://www.thyroid-studies.org)), and to investigate the impact of treatment on clinical outcomes by using the data from our randomized trial of elderly participants with subclinical hypothyroidism (TRUST trial). The project will be undertaken under the guidance of Prof. Nicolas Rodondi MD PhD (Professor of Primary Care and Internal Medicine, Head of Ambulatory Care, Clinic of General Internal Medicine, Inselspital and Director of the BIHAM, Switzerland), Dr. Cinzia Del Giovane PhD (Head of Statistics and Research Methodology at the BIHAM) and Dr. Martin Feller PD (Internist and public health physician and research associate at the BIHAM and the Department of General Internal Medicine at Inselspital).

### Duties and responsibilities

- Analyses data from large dataset
- Write research protocols and manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals
- Assist your supervisors in various scientific and administrative activities

### Qualifications and skills

- Highly motivated student with a strong interest for epidemiology and public health
- Holding a master degree in epidemiology, life science, medicine or any degree considered as equivalent
- Highly comfortable with statistical analyses (use of Stata or R is a plus)
- High level of English proficiency, German would be a strength

After the PhD training the student will have learned skills in clinical epidemiology, will be able to continue an academic carrier as post-doc and conduct epidemiological studies.

The post is available from October 2020, with negotiable starting date, and offered for 3 years. The PhD stipend is according to SNSF standards (current scale:

[www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg\\_doktorierende\\_e.pdf](http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_doktorierende_e.pdf)).

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