The University of Zurich invites applications for a

Professorship of Economics in Child and Youth Development

Applications are invited for a position as Full Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor, starting, at the earliest, in Fall 2017.

The professor will be a member of the Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development, whose recent expansion is based on a contract and joint initiative of the University of Zurich and the Jacobs Foundation. The contract foresees the establishment of three new full professorships and three assistant professorships in the economics, the psychology and the sociology of child and youth development. Beyond the professor’s affiliation with the Jacobs Center, he/she will be a member of the Department of Economics. The professor is expected to contribute to position the Jacobs Center as an internationally leading institution in interdisciplinary cutting-edge research in the area of Child and Youth Development.

Our faculty places strong emphasis on outstanding research and scholarship. Through its educational and research objectives, the University of Zurich aims at attracting leading international researchers who are willing to contribute to its development and to strengthening its reputation.

The research focus of the Jacobs Center will be to understand how economic, social, psychological, or biological factors interact in creating opportunities and overcoming obstacles in child and youth development. The proposed Jacobs Center expansion will be devoted to understanding these interactions by integrating the different theoretical and methodological perspectives necessary to comprehensively address challenges to productive youth development. Relevant research topics could include questions such as: How do individuals’ economic, biological, and behavioral characteristics and educational institutions affect the course of child and adolescent development? How do economic disadvantage and parental investment influence the developmental processes of children and youth? How efficient are specific interventions in terms of social costs and benefits? How can intervention programs best be adapted to local contexts to increase their acceptance and effectiveness?

Candidates should hold a PhD degree in the relevant field. In order to increase the number of women in leading academic positions, we specifically encourage women to apply. Further information on the profile can be found on http://www.econ.uzh.ch/en/department/jobs.html.

Please submit your application to
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at https://www.facultyhiring.oec.uzh.ch/position/4128768.
Applications via https://econjobmarket.org/postings.php?posid=3995 are accepted as well

The review of applications will begin on 1 December 2016. Initial interviews will be conducted at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association in Chicago.