

## Two research assistant positions for an interdisciplinary research project

### Job description

The [Interdisciplinary Center for Mountain Research](#) at the University of Lausanne (Sion campus) is looking for two research assistants to support an interdisciplinary project on the question of whether the Swiss forest law of 1876 was a turning point in flood protection. The work includes literature searches, data acquisition and processing, and reporting. One research assistant will focus on historical and social aspects, while the other will focus on natural science-related inquiries.

### Your profile

Requirements for both positions:

- Interest in an interdisciplinary research project
- responsible, independent and creative working style
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken French or German and good command of the other language.
- Basic knowledge of English
- Good communication skills
  
- Good knowledge of English is an advantage

Requirements for the position in Humanities:

- Expertise in archival work and in the treatment of historical sources
- Knowledge of database management
- Interest in environmental history
  
- Expertise with local and official archives in the cantons of Valais and Vaud is an advantage

Requirements for the position in Natural Sciences:

- Good skills in literature research, data handling and processing
- Skills in analysis of spatial data (GIS)
  
- Expertise in hydrology, forest science and natural hazards is an advantage
- Skills in database management are an advantage

The workload will be flexible but should lie between 50 % and 80 %. The salary is based on the regulation for intern salaries of the University of Lausanne and depends on the level of education ([link](#)). Envisioned start date is April 1, 2020.

### How to apply

Please send your application in English, French or German, including a motivation letter (one page maximum) and a CV, via email to [Janine.Ruegg@unil.ch](mailto:Janine.Ruegg@unil.ch). Considerations of applications will begin on January 30, 2020 and will continue until the positions are filled.