

Call for Applications

The Wyss Academy for Nature at the University of Bern (www.wyssacademy.unibe.ch) is dedicated to shaping sustainable futures for nature and people by strengthening and harmonizing nature conservation, human well-being, and natural resource use in different landscapes around the world. Focusing on interactions between people, land, biodiversity, and climate change, the Wyss Academy will produce path-breaking knowledge for transformation and actively build partnerships between science, policy, civil society, and the private sector to generate concrete solutions from local to global levels. The Wyss Academy for Nature invites applications for an

Open-rank Professorship in Political Economy

This professorship will focus on ways to steer actors towards innovative and sustainable forms of valuing nature. Integrated in the Wyss Academy, the successful candidate will lead a research group contributing to the overarching objective of providing actionable solutions and policies for sustainable livelihoods and the preservation of nature in the Wyss Academy's Regional Stewardship Hubs. The group will study mechanisms for transformation through behavioral, market-driven and institutional adjustments. This includes integrating various concepts of the valuation of nature and political economy perspectives such as studying how trade and market integration at national and global levels can meet sustainability objectives.

The successful candidate has a background in political economy, ideally with a specialization in economics, political science, or political ecology. She or he has a proven track record on the valuation of nature, sustainable and inclusive value chains, or innovative trade policy instruments. Candidates will have a strong empirical focus in their research and be proficient in the use and development of innovative and experimental methodologies of the social sciences. Experience in conducting field research in developing countries is a plus. The successful candidate should also be at ease with inter- and transdisciplinary research. Embracing a solution-driven approach, applicable to vulnerable regions, is an important asset, as is the commitment to collaborate with the five other new professorships at the Wyss Academy for Nature.

The position is a full time employment (80-100%) at the Wyss Academy for Nature located in Bern, Switzerland and will collaborate closely with the four Regional Stewardship Hubs. It will be affiliated to the Department of Economics or Social Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences and expected to collaborate with further research groups and centers at the University of Bern, such as the research competence centers [CDE](#), [WTI](#), and [OCCR](#). Research leaders at the Wyss Academy for Nature are expected to compete for additional third-party funding enlarging their group activity. The start of work is 1 January 2021 or as agreed.

Applications should be submitted **until October 12, 2020** via this [online questionnaire](#). Furthermore, a single pdf file will need to be uploaded including a letter of motivation, a CV, a publication list, a teaching statement, a funding history, and a description of relevant contributions to policy and outreach. Moreover, the candidates should submit a 2-page research statement on how they would design their research team to contribute to the Wyss Academy's [project plan](#) and how they would collaborate with the [other professorships](#) at the Wyss Academy and research groups at the University of Bern. Further inquiries can be addressed to info.wyssacademy@unibe.ch. The Wyss Academy is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness in Science and we seek to hire faculty with a diversity of backgrounds. Applications by women are strongly encouraged. The University of Bern is an equal opportunity and family-friendly employer and supports flexible hiring solutions, including job-sharing.