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Applicants are invited for a
PhD position

in the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern (Switzerland).

The position is funded by a grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation entitled “**Determinants of geographic and temporal variation of cardiovascular health care in Switzerland**” and will be supervised by André Busato, Prof. of Health Services Research.

The **aim of the project** is to describe the volume of in- and outpatient care for cardiovascular disease in Switzerland, to quantify the extent of spatio-temporal variation and to investigate sources of variation with a focus on the density of supply and structural characteristics of care provision in different regions of Switzerland. The project involves a collaboration with the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, NH USA and the London School of Economics & Political Science, London UK.

Candidates should hold a masters or equivalent degree in epidemiology, public health or statistics. Preferences are given to candidates with good knowledge of SAS and/or ARCGIS.

We offer a three year curriculum within the Graduate School for Health Sciences at the University of Bern. English is a working language. Salary is provided according to the Swiss National Science Foundation (www.snf.ch) and the position is offered for a period of 3 years.

Applicants should submit a CV, a statement of research interests, references and diplomas by email **before Nov. 15th 2011** to André Busato (abusato@ispm.unibe.ch)

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