

MD-PhD student (100%) in (bio)medical ethics

- **Department:** The [Institute for Biomedical Ethics](http://ibmb.unibas.ch/), University of Basel, Switzerland (IBMB, website: <http://ibmb.unibas.ch/>), is dedicated to research and teaching of bioethics at the Medical and Science Faculties, as well as the Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (a department of the ETH Zurich, located in Basel). We are looking for enthusiastic collaborators to join our PhD program. We encourage in particular **advanced medical students or young medical doctors** to apply who share our dedication to study challenging ethical problems related to medicine and the life sciences.
- **Available:** Spring or summer 2012, to be negotiated
- **Salary:** 43 000 Swiss francs per year
- **Contract type:** 3 years.

Main job purpose:

- PhD thesis on questions related to bioethics, medical ethics and/or human rights: a project of your choice or projects on advances directives and/or ethical issues of nanomedicine and synthetic biology, research ethics, other types of biotechnology, genetics), publications in biomedical ethics/ethics and human rights.
- Possibility to contribute to the academic life of the IBMB, including small-scale contributions to teaching, as well as collaboration in research projects, academic publications in peer reviewed journals.

Qualifications:

- Good/excellent academic grades/evaluations (BA or MA in medicine, or MD).
- Enthusiasm, independence, responsibility, interest in academic career.
- Students with a master in bioethics and/or (bio-/health) law, social sciences, life sciences, medicine and/or philosophy/theology with strong interest in bioethical and human rights problems can also apply.
- Experience with quantitative/qualitative research methods (including SPSS/PASW/Atlas.ti) is a plus but not a requirement. Methodology courses will be taught as part of the PhD program.
- Writing skills (ideally at least one publication as first author in a peer reviewed journal).
- Experience in bioethics/law/human rights, research ethics including animal ethics; environmental ethics, medical ethics or related areas is valuable.
- Excellent English (both speaking and writing); in addition good knowledge of German and/or French.

We offer: Stimulating interdisciplinary job environment in a newly established Institute for Biomedical Ethics, as part of a young, dynamic team. Enrollment in a Swiss Bologna accredited 3 year PhD program in biomedical ethics (in English, PhD in Biomedical Ethics). Collaboration with the Institute for Biomedical Ethics of the University of Zurich. Possibility to have access to relevant staff development opportunities and opportunity to become involved in bids for further grant funding in areas related to bioethics/medical ethics/human rights.

Environment: Basel University is the oldest Swiss university with a long tradition in ethics and the humanities. Basel has a well-known Medical University Faculty and is a global centre for biomedical research, with major academic institutions and research departments of leading life science companies. The Biozentrum is an internationally renowned institute for basic life science research. With over 400 employees from 30 countries, it is the largest natural science department of the University of Basel. Basel hosts internationally well known programs in nanotechnology, nanomedicine and synthetic biology.

Applications: Please send your applications before October 31, 2011 (if you need more time, please contact Prof. Elger and ask for a postponed dead line e.g. November 5; send your application electronically as a single pdf document, not more than 4000 ko) including CV, publication record, 1-2 publications, and a concise outline of prior academic experience together with addresses of up to 3 references to Prof. B. Elger: b.elger@unibas.ch

Applications by female talented MDs, medical students and young scholars interested in an academic career are particularly encouraged.

For questions: Please contact Prof. B. Elger: b.elger@unibas.ch or our secretary admin-ibmb@unibas.ch.