

swisspeace is a practice and research institute dedicated to advancing effective peacebuilding. It supports and advises local, national, and international actors relevant for peacebuilding, researches topics particularly relevant for peacebuilding practice, provides spaces for exchange and dialogue, and shapes peace policy in Switzerland and globally. swisspeace is an associated institute of the University of Basel.

swisspeace fosters national and international excellence in peace research, teaching, and training by partnering with academics worldwide and using inter- and transdisciplinary approaches. Our research combines scientific rigor with practice-relevance. Our findings feed into academic, policy and practice discussions with the objective to improve peacebuilding actions and their impact.

To strengthen and expand its research, swisspeace is recruiting:

2 Postdoctoral Researchers (80 - 100 %)

Starting date: 1 June 2021 (or by agreement)

One position is open to persons whose research focus is in the area of “Adaptive Peacebuilding”. We are interested to advance our research portfolio in areas such as understanding impact in complex environments, adaptive approaches in peacebuilding, and the role of aid in conflict. The successful candidate will become part of the [Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact](#) team.

The other position is thematically open to researchers in any areas of peacebuilding research that fit swisspeace’s areas of [expertise](#) and [strategy](#).

Postdocs at swisspeace are affiliated with the University of Basel’s Department of Social Sciences, where they have the opportunity to teach and enjoy full access to the university’s resources. The recruited postdocs will be supported in acquiring longer-term third-party research funding.

Your tasks:

- Design innovative research projects and acquire research funding from Swiss and international research funding bodies thereby contributing to swisspeace’s international research profile
- Generate high quality research output in the form of publications and other scientific communication (participation in international conferences, networking, etc.)
- Assume teaching assignments at the University of Basel (at undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as in continuing education)
- Contribute actively to the exchange of knowledge and a dialogue between research, practice and policy through workshops, practice-oriented consultancies, and trainings
- Contribute to shaping and implementing swisspeace’s overall strategic development and visibility

Your profile:

- Ambition to shape peacebuilding research with a strong link to the peacebuilding policy and practice fields
- PhD degree in a field related to peacebuilding (e.g., political science, international relations, social anthropology, urban or gender studies, international law, psychology)
- Excellent publication record in accordance with career stage (including single and first-authored publications in peer-reviewed academic journals)
- Track record, or clear potential, to acquire research funding
- Interest in research partnerships with academics and university institutions in the Global South
- Excellent English language skills. German and French are strong assets

Our offer:

- To work in a team of highly motivated young researchers and practitioners who are passionate about peacebuilding
- Excellent working conditions, flexible office hours and an attractive workplace in the city of Basel
- Support for conference attendance and other research costs

- Employment for a period of 2 years, possibility of extension conditional on the successful acquisition of research project funding

We look forward to receiving your complete application in English by 28 February 2021, including:

- Motivation letter
- CV
- Diplomas
- A two-page outline of your research agenda, to be developed into a future grant proposal
- Two letters of recommendation

Please send your application to jobs@swisspeace.ch mentioning either 'PostDoc Analysis & Impact' or 'PostDoc Peacebuilding' as applicable in the subject line. More information can be found at <https://www.swisspeace.ch>.