

Job Opening

The **Wyss Academy for Nature at the University of Bern**'s vision is to achieve a just and sustainable world in which nature conservation and human well-being reinforce each other. We are a place of innovation, where research, business, policymakers, and communities come together to co-design solutions for sustainable futures. Our goal is to research, develop, and implement innovative solutions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, land use change, and rising inequality by connecting technical, social, economic, institutional and policy innovations at the interface of nature and people. The Wyss Academy comprises four regional hubs, one each in Europe (Switzerland), South America (Peru), East Africa (Kenya), and Southeast Asia (Laos). Please find more information on our [website](#).

Student Research Assistant in Sustainable Development (25%)

Starting date: As soon as possible

Location: Kochergasse 4, Bern, Switzerland

Interviews: Will be conducted on a rolling basis in order to fill the position to the next possible date

We are seeking a student research assistant to join the team on Political Economy and Sustainable Development, led by Prof. Dr. Kai Gehring. This position is part of an interdisciplinary project aiming at monitoring the environmental impact of resource extraction and identifying structural change arising from the opening and closing of mining facilities. In particular, the position is focused on research for a case study of mining activities in Africa. For this position, we are seeking candidates with an **academic background in economics, politics** and a strong interest in environmental topics and climate change.

Your tasks:

- Conduct exhaustive research on mining activities in Africa
- Compile and recap the different findings into a comprehensive documentation

Your qualifications:

- Current enrolment at a University in Switzerland at Bachelor level in economics or politics
- Proficiency in English (oral and written)
- Advanced knowledge of Excel
- Previous experience working with LaTeX and large databases are a plus
- Previous research experience is a plus

What we offer:

- For you to be part of an agile organization that develops, tests and scales-up innovative solutions to the most urgent problems of our times, exploring new collaborations between science, policy, and practice
- The possibility to work in a stimulating intercultural, international, multidisciplinary environment with a modern culture of collaboration across four world regions
- Open ended employment by a foundation on hourly basis with a salary based on the University of Bern's salary conditions. Current assignment is planned at 25% for six months
- Flexible working hours and possibility to increase the workload during term break (upon mutual agreement)

For more information, please contact Ms. Carolina Asensio via hr@wyssacademy.org. We are looking forward to receiving your application via the [online portal](#) as soon as possible (no later than 18 May 2022).

Applications must be written in English and include the following elements:

- Curriculum vitae
- A cover letter (maximum 500 words) explaining your personal motivation for working at the Wyss Academy for Nature and for this particular position.

The Wyss Academy for Nature values diversity and equal opportunity. We welcome all applications from qualified individuals who meet the required criteria. Dossiers submitted through employment agencies will not be considered.