The Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) at the University of Bern performs research in a range of disciplines relevant to public health (www.ispm.unibe.ch).

The Research Group on Community Health and Health Care Systems Research, headed by Prof. Dr. phil. Dipl-Pol. Annika Frahsa is located in the paradigm of participatory health research and applies social sciences theories and methods to study the contextual conditions of health in and with communities.

We are looking for a highly motivated and skilled Postdoctoral Research Fellow (80-100%, three years appointment) to support on-going research in the research group and to set-up a team for new projects that contribute to the scope of the group. Starting as soon as possible, you will join a growing team that focusses on (a) social and structural determinants health in communities, (b) co-creation of knowledge and whole-of-society approaches, and (c) healthy environments and urban governance for health, including interventions for health-promoting, resilient, and active cities.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Work closely with the PI and the group on developing and executing novel multidisciplinary projects
- Set up a team to develop and advance your own research field that contributes to the scope of the research group
- Present your research in peer-reviewed journals, (in)ternational conferences, and scientific reports
- Prepare competitive grant applications
- Contribute to supervision of PhD and master theses
- Support teaching in a limited number of classes per year (medical training, MPH, or PhD program)

Required skills and experience:
- Excellent doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, Dr. phil.) in social science, public health, or related fields
- Strong background in social science theory, concepts, and approaches
- Advanced skills in qualitative data collection and analysis (e.g. thematic analysis, discourse analysis), ability to guide junior researchers in employing those methods, including software (preferably MaxQDA).
- An established track record of academic productivity (e.g. publications, professional presentation)
- Ability to think and act strategically and proactively, to communicate and collaborate with national and international partners from research, practice, and policy

Desirable skills and experience:
- Background in community health, health equity, CBPR, co-creation, implementation science, or governance research
- Skills in mixed-method approaches, familiarity and experience with statistics for scientific analyses
- Experience in managing projects funded by third-party grants, including planning and prioritization of diverse tasks, attention to detail and dedication to task completion in multiple parallel projects

What we offer:
- An international, multidisciplinary, vibrant, and highly stimulating research environment
- Support for career development and training, opportunity to enhance competences in project management and leadership
- Flexible working hours
- Centrally located and modern offices in a nice building

For information on the position, please contact Prof. Dr. Annika Frahsa, Annika.frahsa@ispm.unibe.ch.

How to apply: Interested candidates should email their curriculum vitae and a cover letter including the preferred starting date, a statement of current and future research interests, as well as a writing sample in one PDF-file to Natalie Studer, hr@ispm.unibe.ch. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Latest date to submit an application is September 30, 2021.