

PhD position in biodiversity conservation

We are looking for a highly motivated PhD student working in evidence-based conservation of biodiversity, starting 1.02.2025.

As a member of the Conservation Biology Lab, you will develop research focusing on specific target groups depending on the candidate's preferences and experience. You will investigate the effectiveness of protected areas and other conservation measures for maintaining species populations and ecosystem integrity. You will also conduct research about ecological corridors that aims to improve the connectivity across habitats. You will adopt a landscape perspective, considering the ecological infrastructure in landscapes dominated by human activities.

In return, we offer an engaging research environment committed to bridging the gap between academic research and practical conservation action. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of teaching activities in conservation biology at bachelor and master levels at the University of Neuchâtel.

The 4-year project is fully funded by the University of Neuchâtel. Salary and social benefits follow the rules of the University of Neuchâtel.

Selection criteria:

- A Master's degree or equivalent in Biodiversity conservation or nature management
- Experience with field methods of biodiversity monitoring
- Proficiency in GIS and/or statistics
- Excellent communication skills and fluency in English.
- As the project will focus on regional practices, French is an asset.

Starting date: The anticipated starting date is 1st of February 2025, with some flexibility.

Submit your application as a single PDF, including a motivation letter, a complete CV with a copy of your diploma, and the names of two references. Send your application file before 30-Nov 2024 with the subject "PhD application_ [your name]" to Prof. Clara Zemp (clara.zemp@unine.ch).