

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## The Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute – working in interdisciplinary partnership in international and public health

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Since its foundation in 1943, the Swiss Tropical Institute (STI) has been known worldwide for the quality of its teaching, research and services. During the last two years, the institutional development was marked by integrating the former Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Basel – as a result more than 600 collaborators from over 40 nations work in more than 20 countries around the world within the new Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) under a shared vision. Swiss TPH continues to be an associated institute of the University of Basel, with extensive teaching commitments in three faculties, including many postgraduate programmes and courses.

Swiss TPH follows a broad interdisciplinary approach to develop concepts, methods, and products, to provide evidence for what works and to strengthen public health systems and policies. The institute is collaborating in research, services, and training with institutions not only in Europe, but also on all other continents and therefore contributes a lot to capacity development even in resource poor settings.

Teaching and training remain as one of the cornerstones of the institute's activities. Besides the efforts in the University of Basel, Swiss TPH contributes to tropEd, the Network for Education in International Health, hosting masters and short course students every year. Since January 2011, the tropEd secretariat is located at Swiss TPH. Furthermore, the postgraduate teaching activities of the institute are embedded within the Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+) – an established collaboration in public health and health economics of seven Swiss universities (Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Lugano, Neuchâtel and Zurich).

At all levels of the teaching activities, Swiss TPH encourages a student-centered and problem-solving approach, which entails group work, field and laboratory practicals, round-table discussions, seminars and tutorials.

### HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH

Royal Tropical Institute/Dev Education

🌐 Netherlands: Amsterdam 🗨 English ▶ January 16th, 2012 – February 1st, 2012 📄 EUR 1 810 ✨ Strengths and weaknesses of different research approaches and methods, research methods that should be used to answer certain health system research questions, qualitative and participatory research methods (selection) Ⓞ Participants gain experience in each step of the research process through the development of their own research proposal, through practical exercises and by a critical review of research articles 📖 Academic training or professional qualification in a relevant area, three years of relevant work experience in a related area, including experience in management or planning in developing countries, proficiency in spoken and written English 🌟 TropEd

**CREDITPOINTS** 4 ECTS-Points

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### MA ANGEWANDTE ETHIK IM GESUNDHEITS- UND SOZIALWESEN

Katholische Hochschule Freiburg

🌐 Germany: Freiburg 🗨 German ▶ Start: March 2012  
▶ 3 Semester 📄 EUR 1 500/Semester ✨ Ethik im Sozialwesen, im Gesundheitswesen und im Führungsmanagement 📖 Erfolgreich abgeschlossenes Hochschulstudium, nachgewiesene Berufspraxis

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### MA HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND LAW

University of Manchester/School of Law

🌐 United Kingdom: Manchester 🗨 English  
▶ Start: September 2012 ▶ 12 months (full-time), 24 months (part-time) 📄 GBP 3 732 (UK/EU), GBP 11 700 (international)  
✨ Core course units: philosophical bioethics, medico-legal problems, ethico-legal problems in health care practice 📖 Specialise in medico-legal practice and academic careers 📖 A minimum upper second class honours degree, or the overseas equivalent, in a relevant subject, IELTS

**CREDITPOINTS** 120 ECTS-Points

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### MA HEALTH SCIENCES

Westfälische Hochschule Zwickau (FH)/

Gesundheits- und Pflegewissenschaften

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▶ 5 Semester (berufsbegleitend) 📄 Auf Anfrage ✨ Strategische Managementtechniken im Gesundheits- und Pflegewesen, Theorieentwicklung und -kritik, Evidence-based Medicine/Nursing, komplexe Analysestrategien für gesundheitswissenschaftliche Gesundheitspolitik und -ökonomie im internationalen Vergleich (Auszug)  
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### MSc IN HEALTH SCIENCES (HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH)

University of York/

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🌐 United Kingdom: York 🗨 English ▶ Start: September 2012  
▶ 1 year (full-time), 2 years (part-time) 📄 On request ✨ Research methods, applied biostatistics, epidemiology, health economics, randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews, health policy or health psychology (selection) 📖 Health care professionals

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