

The HES-SO Geneva invites to application to the HEAD – Genève (Geneva School of Art and Design) for the position of :

Postdoctoral researcher (scientific collaborator HES) at 100%

Fixed-term contract (September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2027)

cl. max. 15

HEAD - Genève is one of Switzerland's leading art and design schools, with an international reputation. With some 700 students, it offers a broad spectrum of courses at Bachelor's and Master's degrees: Fine Arts, Cinema, Interior Architecture, Space and Communication, Visual Communication as well as Fashion and Accessory Design. The school has also established itself as a major player on Geneva's cultural scene.

Associated to the research project: *The Future of Humanitarian Design (HUD)* financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

The Future of Humanitarian Design (HUD) is a research project exploring how emerging technologies, processes of aesthetic design, and engineering insights can be combined with knowledge from political science to tackle the crisis facing humanitarianism. HUD is a four-year Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) funded project focused on the challenges facing humanitarian action: war, refugee flows, forced displacement, etc. These humanitarian challenges are worsening. Contemporary conflicts are more frequent and protracted, refugee flows are rapidly destabilizing geopolitical structures, and humanitarian actors are under growing threat. In light of these dilemmas, HUD explores how emerging technologies, processes of design, and engineering insights can be combined with knowledge from international relations to tackle the crisis facing humanitarianism. To achieve this, HUD is a collaboration between the Geneva Graduate Institute, the University of Copenhagen, the Department of Interior Architecture at HEAD – Genève, and the EssentialTech Lab at EPFL Lausanne. The project will involve three Ph.D. researchers, three Postdocs researchers, and two Research coordinators. It also integrates high-level policy practitioners as project partners based at organizations including Médecins sans frontières (doctors without borders), Terre des hommes, and the International Committee of the Red Cross, alongside partnerships with research institutions in Colombia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The main tasks of the candidate will be to:

- Participate in the project's planning and strategy
- Participate in the projects field work, publications and outcomes
- Assume teaching-related responsibilities at HEAD – Genève

Profile / Skills:

- Architect, Interior Architect, or designer (BA or MA in design)
- PhD with at least 2 years of experience after dissertation
- Professional experience in humanitarian design and/or research
- Teaching experience in English (BA and MA level)
- A strong academic track-record and research profile
- Desirable: list of exhibitions, either curated or participated

Special features of the position:

Vacations are to be taken during periods of slow activity, in particular during the vacation weeks in the academic calendar.

We offer:

A dynamic, cosmopolitan, inclusive environment open to local, national and international artistic and professional circles, with attractive working conditions.

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Application deadline: May 15, 2024

Start date: September 1, 2024

Place of work: HEAD campus (Geneva)

The HES-SO Genève / HEAD - Genève adopts an equal opportunities and diversity recruitment policy.

The complete application (curriculum vitae, covering letter, portfolio, list of academic publications: papers, journal articles, books, together with qualifications and certificates of employment) should be sent electronically to rh.head@hesge.ch for the attention of Lada Umstätter, Director.

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