Vacancy for a UAS4EUROPE trainee in Brussels (80-100%)

Are you interested in supporting the universities of applied sciences (UAS) in establishing a strong voice in Europe? Are you proactive, an excellent communicator and eager to explore European politics in the heart of Europe? Then apply for the function of UAS4EUROPE trainee in cooperation with swissuniversities and SwissCore in Brussels from 1 September 2017 until 31 August 2018!

The job

UAS4EUROPE is a joint initiative from EURASHE, UASnet, swissuniversities (supported by SwissCore), Hochschule Bayern e.V. (supported by Bavarian Research Alliance) and the Austrian FHK. UAS4EUROPE is a relatively new networking platform for universities of applied sciences, launched on 31 May in Brussels. The aim of UAS4EUROPE is to establish a firm voice for the UAS in Europe in the field of applied research and innovation. The activities and work of UAS4EUROPE are geared towards better positioning of the UAS in the European research and innovation framework programme Horizon 2020, which runs until 2020, and its successor Framework Programme 9 (FP9), which will start on 1 January 2021. UAS4EUROPE has a rotating representative. Luciana Vaccaro, rector of the HES-SO, will on behalf of swissuniversities be the representative from 1 June 2017 until 31 May 2018. In the context of this year as representative, swissuniversities is recruiting a trainee for UAS4EUROPE in Brussels to support in developing it activities in Brussels and assist the swissuniversities representative. The trainee will be placed at and supported and supervised by SwissCore, the Swiss contact office for research, innovation and education in Brussels. Your tasks will include:

- Providing information and communication to UAS4EUROPE members and Europe on current political, scientific and administrative developments in EU programs for UAS4EUROPE
- Establishing, maintaining and communicating contacts between swissuniversities, Swiss, European universities of applied sciences and European players and networks, especially in applied research and innovation
- Maintain the UAS4EUROPE website and social media
- Organisation of and support to events and visit of delegations

Organisations you will be working with and for

- UAS4EUROPE aims to strengthen the role of universities of applied sciences (UAS) at the European level. The networking platform's founding members are EURASHE, UASnet, swissuniversities, Hochschule Bayern e.V. (supported by Bavarian Research Alliance) and the Austrian FHK.
- swissuniversities, founded on 1 January 2015, works to strengthen and enhance collaboration among Swiss institutions of higher education and promotes a common voice on educational issues in Switzerland. Furthermore, swissuniversities performs coordination tasks and acts on the international level as the national rectors' conference for all universities, universities of applied science and universities of teacher education in Switzerland.
- SwissCore in Brussels was founded in 1995 in order to act as a bridge between Swiss and European knowledge landscapes and to support Swiss participation in the research, innovation and education programmes of the European Union. SwissCore acts as information, networking and training office for Swiss and European actors in the mentioned fields. We informally represent the Swiss knowledge community towards European institutions and Brussels-based interest groups. SwissCore is co-funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) and the Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI).

Your profile

We are looking for a motivated and eager student or recent graduate of a Swiss UAS or university (priority will be given to a UAS student or graduate) interested in and committed to European integration and cooperation from 1 September 2017 until 31 August 2018. You should have affinity with research, innovation and education. In particular, you should be interested in Swiss and European applied research and innovation policies and programmes. Since writing and the organisation of meetings make up a large part of your work, you should be fluent in English in writing and orally. Familiarity with MS Office and IT (website maintenance) in general is strictly requested. We are particularly looking for an investigative mind, a self-starter, and a dedicated worker who enjoys flexible teamwork.

What we can offer you

- varied and dedicated work experience within a multi-cultural and open setting;
- room for your own creativity to develop activities for UAS4EUROPE;
- supervision and mentoring by a SwissCore staff member with attention for personal development;
- monthly remuneration

Are you interested?

If you are interested, please send your motivation letter, *curriculum vitae* and an English written paper (max. 3 pages) until **Friday 19 May 2017** the latest to Aude Pacton, Head of Division international relations, aude.pacton@swissuniversities.ch. For further information, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Pacton at (0041)031 335 07 56.