

The **University of Lucerne** (Switzerland) and **Swiss Paraplegic Research** (SPF) are inviting applications for a joint appointment (50% University of Lucerne, 50% SPF), initially for 5 years, to be filled **by July 1, 2012** or by arrangement:

Assistant Professor in Health Sciences with a focus in Rehabilitation Services Research

Candidates with a PhD and relevant research experience should have a comprehensive knowledge in health services research and, ideally, its application in the context of rehabilitation and community settings. The successful candidate has a background in the social- or political sciences, economics, public health or a rehabilitation profession.

At the Department of Health Sciences and Health Policy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne, the candidate will be actively involved in the curriculum development as well as in the teaching of Master and PhD programs. At SPF, a candidate with strong leadership skills has the unique opportunity to establish a working group for rehabilitation and community services research, with the goal to identify how to optimize service and care provision for persons with spinal cord injury. The candidate will implement his/her research agenda in the context of the Swiss Spinal Cord Injury Study (SwiSCI).

The official working language at both institutions is English. For further information, applicants are encouraged to contact the coordinator of the joint academic program, Thomas Brinkel (thomas.brinkel@unilu.ch).

With a view towards increasing the number of female professors, the University of Lucerne and Swiss Paraplegic Research specifically encourage qualified female candidates to apply. Interested applicants should send their cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of publications and a catalogue of projects by mail no later than November 14, 2011 to the **University of Lucerne, Dean's office, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Frohburgstrasse 3, P.O. Box 4466, 6002 Lucerne, Switzerland.**