

The research group “Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance (PEGO)”, at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag), Dübendorf, and the Institute of Political Science, University of Berne, in collaboration with the department “Sanitation, Water and Solid Waste for Development (Sandec)” at Eawag, is looking for a

Student Assistant for Research on Sanitation Regulation in India

The position is part of an Eawag project on the evaluation of small-scale sanitation systems in India. The goal of the project is to evaluate the sanitation policies and institutions in Indian states. The task of the student assistant will be to conduct a stakeholder and network analysis of the regulation of specific sanitation sites in two Indian states. More specifically, the task includes the identification of the important actors involved in the regulation of small-scale sanitation systems, the visualization and analysis of their networks, and the comparison of the formal structure of responsibilities to the actual situation on the ground. The analysis will be based on document analysis and expert interviews. The student assistant is expected to deliver a report to the Eawag project.

Preference will be given to candidates that are planning to write their MA thesis on the subject. The MA thesis could focus on questions of the role of different types of actors in the networks of regulations, and on the explanation of the differences between formal and informal networks.

The prospective student will spend about three months in the field and about one month (partly before and partly after the field visit) at Eawag. The duration of the position is 4 months, with a preference for a start in August 2016. The compensation for the internship amounts to 2400.- CHF per month (gross, travel costs covered apart).

Candidates should hold a BA in political science or a related field. Specific knowledge on public policy analysis as well as experience with social network analysis, interview data collection, or the specific country context are an asset. Fluency in English is required, skills in other languages are an asset.

The position will be open until filled with a candidate matching the profile. Applications should include a short cover letter, a CV and a writing sample (e.g., bachelor or master thesis, seminar paper). Please send your application by E-Mail to Dr. Manuel Fischer (manuel.fischer@eawag.ch) and Prof. Dr. Karin Ingold (karin.ingold@ipw.unibe.ch). Questions about the position can be addressed to Dr. Manuel Fischer, Eawag. Phone: +41 58 765 5676.