LERU STudent REseArch Mobility Programme (STREAM)
Project proposal

Host University:
Université de Genève

Field (drop-down list):
Social sciences, journalism and information

Specified field, subject:
Ethnic Power Relations and Conflict in Fragile States

Research project title:
Ethnic Power Relations and Conflict in Fragile States

Possible starting month(s):

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Possible duration in months: Exact starting and end date

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Suitable for students in:
☒ Bachelor level ☐ Master level

Open for recently graduated undergraduate students and graduate students.

Prerequisites:
Interest in ethnic politics and conflict research.

Restrictions:
The project runs from 1 Jan 2014 - 31 Dec 2016. The student will support ongoing coding projects, provide research assistance for case studies, as well as support the organization of workshops and other events.

Description (maximum 2,000 characters):
Civil wars continue to claim thousands of victims and cause refugee flows and economic crises in many countries of the world. Many of these conflicts arise from political and economic inequalities among different groups in multi-ethnic states. In close cooperation with selected partners in developing countries (for ex. Ethiopia, Ghana and Zambia in Africa, Guatemala in Latin America and India) in regions affected by such conflicts - the project aims at elucidating the causal relationships between cause (ethnic inequality) and effect (conflict). Two factors are at the center: First, the mobilization processes of ethnic groups, i.e. their political actions by organizations such as political parties and social movements, and second, institutional solutions such as power-sharing, federalism etc.
Faculty and Department:
Department of Political Science and International Relations
http://unige.ch/sciences-societe/speri/membres/simon-hug/

Contact person, including position:
Mr. Cyrille Hari – International Affairs – Head Mobility

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Deadline for nomination to reach host university:
April 30th 2016.

Notification of admission given by the end of:
May 2016.

Additional information
This placement may be subject to a scholarship based on the SEMP framework (Swiss European Mobility Programme), CHF 2100.— per semester. Accommodation is not guarantee.