Programme doctoral de géographie of Western Switzerland (CUSO) (see link below).

Acquired competences
In accordance with the Dublin Descriptor, the doctoral programme in Geography enables candidates to:

– develop a systematic understanding of a field of Geography and mastery of the skills and methods of research associated with that field;
– conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with scholarly integrity;
– to make a contribution through original research that extends the frontier of knowledge in Geography;
– to undertake critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas;
– to communicate with their peers in Geography, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about their areas of expertise.

Positions for doctoral candidates
Open positions for doctoral candidates are advertised on the website of the Geography Unit (http://www.unifr.ch/geoscience/geographie/en/general-information/open-position). Alternatively, interested candidates can also contact a supervisor of the Geography Unit and state their interest or propose a research project.

Funding and salary
Doctoral research is either financed through assistant positions at the Unit of Geography, or through third party funding acquired by the supervisor or the doctoral candidate himself. Salaries of employed doctoral candidates correspond to the standards of the Faculty of Science and Medicine.

Supervisors
PhD theses are supervised by professors and senior researchers at the Unit of Geography:

• Prof. Reynald Delaloye
  – Mountain geomorphology
  – Periglacial geomorphology
  – Permafrost-related processes

• Prof. Christian Hauck
  – Applied geophysics
  – Permafrost modelling
  – Land-atmosphere interaction

• Prof. Martin Hoelzle
  – Alpine cryosphere

• Prof. Olivier Graefe
  – Political ecology of land
  – Water and park management
• Prof. Christine Bichsel
  – Political geography
  – Environmental history
  – Critical water studies

• Dr. Nadine Salzmann
  – Cryosphere-atmosphere interactions
  – Linking climate and impact models
  – Climate change impacts
  – Risks and adaptation

• Dr. Matthias Huss
  – Glaciers and climate change
  – Mass and energy balance of glaciers

• Dr. Horst Machguth
  – Ice sheets
  – Glacier and climate
  – Surface processes of glaciers and ice sheets
  – Arctic glaciology

For a complete and updated list of research activities check the link to the website of the Unit of Geography (see Contact).

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

https://geographie.cuso.ch

Admission

In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic Bachelor's and Master's degree or an equivalent qualification by a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate must contact a professor who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is no general right to be admitted to a doctorate.

The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.

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