

## LIVES Doctoral Programme 2023 - 2025



## Call for applications *LIVES Doctoral Programme 2023-2025*

Since 2012, the Swiss Centre of Expertise on Life Course Research LIVES offers a doctoral programme, followed by 105 PhD graduates so far. Discover them on our website!

The Centre LIVES is now **welcoming applications for its 2023-25 doctoral programme** (December 2023 - February 2026). This call is intended for early-stage **doctoral students in the social sciences, psychology, health sciences or related disciplines whose thesis includes a life course / lifespan perspective**. The programme is open to PhD students internationally.

Their work can focus on:

- the effects of early events or the later life course
- biographies and trajectories in different life domains
- events which constitutes a turning point in life course
- processes of accumulation / depletion over the life course
- longitudinal methods
- the evolution of norms regarding age
- life course in social policies
- etc.

The LIVES doctoral programme aims to promote **high-quality doctoral research in life course analysis**. It provides PhD students with a thorough and up-to-date theoretical and methodological grounding in this interdisciplinary field of study. The participation in the doctoral programme allows PhD students to develop a **network of peers** with similar research interests.

An agreement will be signed between the PhD candidate, his or her supervisor(s) and the doctoral programme.

### Deadlines

The deadline for applications is **30 September, 2023**.

Admissions will be confirmed no later than **mid-October, 2023**.

### Start

The new cohort of LIVES doctoral programme will begin in December 2023.

### For further questions

See LIVES Doctoral Programme [webpage](#)

OR

contact the programme Officer:

[doctoral-centre-lives@unige.ch](mailto:doctoral-centre-lives@unige.ch)





## Venue

**The LIVES doctoral programme is organized over two years,** takes place at the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne, and includes 7 sessions (see detailed programme attached):

- 3 sessions on theories and concepts in life course analysis (3 days each)
- 4 sessions on methods in life course analysis (3 days each)
- 3 LIVES Doctoriales: PhD candidates have the opportunity to present their work to experts during an annual one-day event.



List of words describing former PhD candidates' doctoral experience at LIVES.

# Committing to this programme means

- Attending at least 5 out of 7 workshops.
- Session 1 (December 2023) as well as all three LIVES Doctoriales are compulsory.
- Taking part in the selected workshops and Doctoriales in person (in principle).

## What the LIVES Doctoral Programme supports

- For Swiss-based PhD candidates, travel is reimbursed on the basis of a half-fare 2<sup>nd</sup> class ticket.
- For other PhD candidates, LIVES offers financial assistance (travel) of up to 200.-CHF per session (up to 5 sessions). For expenses on accommodation, LIVES subsidies are available for a few students. Please contact us for details.
- During workshops, coffee breaks are covered.
- During the LIVES Doctoriales, lunch and coffee breaks are covered.

## Applicants must fulfil the following conditions

- The PhD thesis should include a life course / life span perspective, with a disciplinary background in sociology, demography, psychology, epidemiology, economics, political science, history or gender studies.
- The PhD candidate must already be affiliated to an academic institution.
- The PhD thesis must be funded for the length of the PhD programme by an academic institution or by third-party funding.
- The PhD candidate must be able to speak and write fluently in English (at least B2 level).

## Candidates are asked to provide the following documents

Along with the application form

- A cover letter expressing their motivation for this PhD training programme
- A curriculum vitae
- A title and abstract of 500 words maximum of their PhD project
- A one-page letter of support from the PhD supervisor(s)
- An official document certifying the affiliation to an academic institution.