Research internship position in the project: ‘Developing and testing a smartphone app to promote pro-environmental behaviors’

What is the project about?
Climate change is one of the most crucial issues that our global society is facing and proactive behaviors, like active transportation and a low-meat diet have a positive impact on the environment by reducing the individual carbon footprint. How can people be supported to adopt pro-environmental behaviors in the long term? This is the goal of this project.
The current project intends to promote pro-environmental behaviors with the support of a smartphone app to sustain people in their everyday life. A health-psychological intervention will be developed in order to achieve an effective long-term change in such behaviors.

Project tasks
The tasks for this position are diverse. You will support the project in the various steps of planning and implementing the research project. This includes:
- Assisting in the identification and creation of the content of the app
- Assisting in the programming of the questionnaires in Qualtrics for the app.
- Assisting in the configuration and user testing of the app
- Assisting with the creation of the ethics application
- Recruitment activities
- Study correspondence
- Study monitoring
- Support in data preparation and analysis

Workload
The selected candidate can cover the position either as part of the study related internship (300 hours) or combining the study related internship with a master thesis (total of 540 hours). Ideally, the candidate should guarantee around 8-12 hours per week, though some degrees of flexibility are expected (e.g., take on more hours during the semester break and reduced workload during the semester).

We offer
The opportunity to gain experience in health psychology research with a highly innovative and socially relevant research project. You will be part of our motivated team and closely supervised. The possibility to combine your master thesis with the internship. As part of the study related internship, the current position is unpaid.

Requirements
You are a psychology student at the University of Bern with a high interest in health psychology, research, and digital technology. The ideal candidate is committed, flexible and works independently. You have a good knowledge of office applications. Knowledge in programming/creating online questionnaires (i.e., Qualtrics) as well as previous experience in empirical research is a plus, but not mandatory. The candidate is expected to work in English.

Supervision
Supervision by Dr. Dario Baretta and Prof. Dr. Jennifer Inauen (Department of Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, University of Bern)
Start
The position will start in early November. If applicable, the start of the master thesis will be discussed. Applications will be reviewed continuously until a suitable candidate is found.

Note
Students interested only in conducting a master thesis (+ 240 project hours) on this topic are welcome to send an email in which they specify their interest.

Please send your complete application documents (letter of motivation, CV) preferably in a single PDF document to: dario.baretta@unibe.ch
If you have any questions, please contact the same email address.