



Applications are invited for a

Doctoral (PhD) Position (80%)

at the Cognitive Psychology Unit, Department of Psychology, University of Zurich. The start date should ideally be July 1st, 2026. The position is for 4 years.

The successful applicant will work with Prof. Klaus Oberauer on a project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation entitled: “**Modeling Visual Working Memory**”. The project’s goal is to understand how visual working memory works through behavioral experiments and computational modeling.

We offer:

- Work in a friendly, supportive, and international research team
- Opportunity for a PhD dissertation, and support for pursuing a career in research
- Excellent lab infrastructure
- Salary according to SNF regulations (approx. CHF 50,000 per year) for up to 4 years

We expect:

- A MSc or equivalent in Psychology or a related discipline (preferably from a Bologna compatible 2-year MSc program)
- Experience with experimental research
- Excellent research methods knowledge and skills
- Interest in pursuing an academic career in cognitive psychology
- Very good command of English (written and oral)

In addition, it would be desirable if you had:

- Programming skills (R, Matlab, Python, JavaScript, HTML)
- Experience with mathematical / computational modeling
- Experience with Bayesian statistics

Application

Please send applications including your CV and motivation **no later than May 10, 2026**

electronically as a single PDF to: Michaela Oestmann, michaela.oestmann@psychologie.uzh.ch

Information/Questions

For further information regarding the Cognitive Psychology Unit visit:

<https://www.psychology.uzh.ch/en/areas/nec/allgpsy.html>

Questions can be addressed to k.oberauer@psychologie.uzh.ch

The University of Zurich is an equal opportunity employer. Applications from women and underrepresented groups are highly encouraged.