# HR WELCOME SESSION

# FOR NEW COLLABORATORS OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCES

BIENVENUE À L'UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE



# THE HR TEAM IN CHARGE OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCES

- Pôle Sciences
- Organization of the HR Division
- Advice in case of conflicts and difficult work situatons
  - External mediators
  - Health services: employees / students
    - Support RH



## **ARRIVING: FIRST STEPS**

- New employees from non EU/EFTA countries: register your arrival at the cantonal migration office (OCPM) and send a scan of the payment receipt to your HR officer who will finalize your contract
- Doctoral assistants (all) and post-docs (non EU/EFTA nationals only!):
   Finalize your <u>enrolment</u> to obtain your login and multiservice card
- New employees without a salary account in Switzerland:
   Open a bank account and transmit the references via the <u>UNIGE portal</u> (tab "Mon UNIGE", window "GESTION DONNES INDIVIDUELLES")
- New residents in Switzerland: within 3 month of arrival, choose a health insurance provider basic health insurance is mandatory and not provided by the employer.
   More information: Federal Office of Public Health FOPH; Swiss authorities online: health insurance for foreign nationals; Service des assurances maladies SAM, Canton of Geneva (french); Sites that allow you to compare tarifs and plans: comparis.ch (english); www.priminfo.ch
- Take out private liability and household insurance (recommended)



## FIRST STEPS AT UNIGE

- <u>UNIGE SITE FOR NEW EMPLOYEES</u> (french)
- **WELCOME CENTER**
- UNIGE Portal: Online access to your personal file (french)







- **UNIGE Mobile app**
- Laws and regulations (french)
- Internal guidelines and administrative procedures (french)
- Language courses: Maison des Langues: courses for students and staff Tandems linguistiques Other sites



# WORKING AT UNIGE: ATTRACTIVE CONDITIONS

- Flexible working hours
   Standard of 40h/week for a full time position
- 5 weeks annual leave (admin. and tech. personnel)
   6 weeks annual leave (research and teaching personnel); <u>paid leave</u> (congés spéciaux) and possibility to take <u>unpaid leave</u>
- A transparent salary policy:
  - UNIGE applies the <u>salary scale</u> of the Canton of Geneva in accordance with the <u>Règlement sur le personnel de l'Université (RPers)</u> (exception: <u>FNS salary scale</u> for doctoral assistants)
- Continuing education offers:
  - research and teaching personnel
  - administrative and technical personnel
- Equal opportunity; Family friendly working conditions: <u>career programs</u>, <u>maternity leave</u> of up to 20 weeks, <u>parental leave</u> (i.e. possibility to reduce work rate for up to 2 years after the birth of a child)
- Special offers for UNIGE employees



## TWO TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

#### **Private law contracts (external funding)**

- Non-permanent fixed-term contracts: the contract expires at the end date fixed in the contract
- Early termination only possible if both, employee and supervisor, agree (exception: post-docs, MA, assis.,ARE: 2 month notice period for employée)
- Main provisions:
   Research and teaching personnel (ENS) french
   Administrative and technical personnel (PAT)-french

#### **Public law contracts (Canton «DIP» funding)**

- Fixed appointment period, renewable (research and teaching personnel) / fixed-term and indeterminate contracts (admin&tech personnel)
- Governed by public law and statutary regulations (Règlement sur le personnel de l'Université (RPers))









## TWO SALARY OFFICES

# Private law contracts (external funding)

UNIGE Service salaires et assurances sociales



- Payment dates
- Salary slip details (french)
  - <u>List of social insurance deductions on your salary</u>

## Public law contracts (Canton of Geneva «DIP» funding)

 Etat de Genève, Office du personnel de l'Etat, Service des paies et assurances du personnel





## **Pension and insurances**

General information about social security in Switzerland:
 <u>Federal Social Insurance Office (FSIO) leaflet</u>; <u>Other FSIO leaflets</u>; <u>FSIO website</u>
 <u>Leaflet "Swiss social insurance system: Sojourn and departure"</u>; <u>other language versions</u>

### The Swiss social security system is divided into five areas:

- old-age, survivors' and invalidity insurance (AVS/AI) (1<sup>st</sup> pillar pension);
   occupational benefit plan (PP) (2<sup>nd</sup> pillar: UNIGE employees are insured with <a href="CPEG">CPEG</a>: contacts); private saving plans (3<sup>rd</sup> pillar)
- protection against the consequences of illness and accidents (see next page)
- income compensation allowances in case of service and in case of maternity
- unemployment insurance
- family allowances



### **Accident insurance**

## Occupational accident and occupational illness insurance; non-occupational accident insurance

- All employees of the University of Geneva are insured against occupational accidents and illnesses.
   The insurance premium is paid by the University.
- All employees who work at least 8h/week are also insured against non-occupational accidents. The
  premium is deduced from their salary.
   Employees who work less than 8h/week cannot suspend the accident insurance included in their
  health insurance policy.
- UNIGE's accident insurance provides basic coverage (i.e. common room in hospital). You'll find general information about coverage <a href="here">here</a>.
- Please remember that the accident coverage will automatically stop after 31 days if you no longer receive any salary (unpaid leave, end of contract)
- <u>UNIGE accident declaration form</u> (to be filled in and transmitted to HR within 48 hours)
- <u>List of "hazardous activities"</u> that only partially or not covered by the mandatory accident insurance (french)

#### **Accident prevention:**

- Information about security and safety at work (french)
- Leaflet on Health and Security for collaborators of the Faculties of Sciences and Medecine



## Work and residence permits

Switzerland has a dual system for the admission of foreign workers.

- EU/EFTA nationals benefit form agreements on the free movement of persons.
- Non-EU/EFTA nationals:
  - Only a limited number of regular work permits is issued for management level employees, specialists and other qualified employees
  - Doctoral assistants and post-docs are admitted with a student status they are authorized to work in relation with their studies only



 The office in charge of work and residence permits is the: Office cantonal de la population et des migrations (OCPM)



## Work and residence permits

## Non EU/EFTA nationals:

## Biometric residence and work permit

- Short term residence (L permit )
- Residence (B permit),
   Long term residence «settlement» (C permit)
- further information: <u>permits</u> / <u>admission</u>



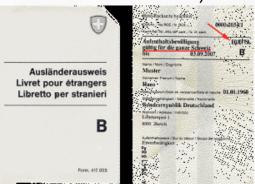
## **EU/EFTA** nationals:

## Non-biometric residence and work permit

- Short term residence (L permit validity of contract, less than 12 months)
- Residence (B permit validity of 5 years)
- Long term residence «settlement» (C permit illimited, to be confirmed every 5 years)
- Cross-border commuter (G permit

  validity=validity

  of work contract if 3 month-1 year, otherwise 5 year
- further information: <u>permits</u> / <u>admission</u>
- <u>Factsheets Free Movement of Persons</u>





## Work and residence permits

- Delay of 4-6 weeks to issue the permit, after its approval
- Do not forget to send us a copy of your permit if you receive it at home!
- Take the necessary steps to <u>renew your permit in time</u> we recommend to do this 3 month before expiration!
- Enrol for e-Démarches: e-Démarches of the administration of the canton of Geneva gives you online access to a number of <u>services</u>. You can e.g. track your work and resident permit applications, or submit a declaration of change of adress: <u>On-line inscription</u>





### **Taxes**

The salary offices will deduce taxes directly from your salary (Withholding Tax/taxation at source – "impôt à la source") if you are :

- a foreign national with a permit other than C (permis d'établissement)
- a Swiss or foreign national working at UNIGE and residing outside of Switzerland (more details (french here)

#### **Employees subject to taxation at source:**

It is important that you fill in a new declaration each time there is change in your personal situation (new address, marriage, birth, etc.) and send it to your HR officer

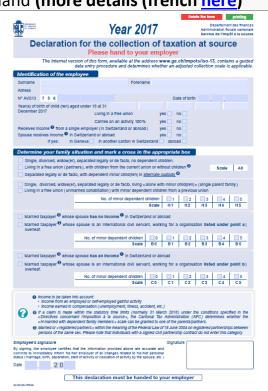
"Impôt à la source" online declaration form for 2017 English print version

Other languages (print form)

## Employees subject to taxation at source with both, a private and a public law contract :

Each salary office will deduce the withholding tax separately. The taxes deduced will be less than the total amount due at the end of the year. You will have to pay arrears when leaving the Canton of Geneva. We strongly recommend that you fill in the <a href="rectification form">rectification form</a> sent to you at the end of each year (online version available via <a href="e-démarches">e-démarches</a>) to avoid having to pay an important sum when leaving.

You'll find the English version of the rectification form, as well as a guide <a href="here">here</a>. The AFC provides a <a href="Calculator">Calculator</a> 'impôt source" of the AFC (single person: barème A0) to estimate your taxes









## **OTHER LINKS**

Bureau de l'intégration des étrangers

**Welcome to Geneva guide** 

http://ge.ch/integration/nouvel-arrivant

https://www.ge.ch/bienvenue-a-geneve/welcome.asp

- Geneva Welcome Centre Centre d'Accueil de la Genève Internationale CAGI <a href="http://www.cagi.ch/en/home.php">http://www.cagi.ch/en/home.php</a>
- Association des frontaliers http://www.frontalier.org/

