



## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

# Postdoctoral Scholarships

**Academic year:** 2015-2016

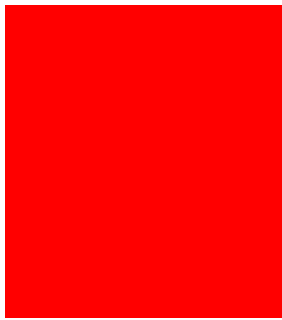
**Country:** Cyprus

**Opening of the Call:** 01.08.2014

**Submission Deadline:** 15.10.2014

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| <b>Scholarship</b>                      | ⇒ | Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Offered by</b>                       | ⇒ | The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Objectives</b>                       | ⇒ | To enable selected applicants to undertake a postdoctoral research in one of the 10 Swiss Public Universities, the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, the public teaching and research institutes and the Universities of Applied Sciences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Universities</b>                     | ⇒ | <a href="#">University of Basel</a> / <a href="#">University of Bern</a> / <a href="#">University of Fribourg</a> / <a href="#">University of Geneva</a> / <a href="#">University of Lausanne</a> / <a href="#">University of Lucerne</a> / <a href="#">University of Neuchâtel</a> / <a href="#">University of St.Gallen</a> / <a href="#">University of Zurich</a> / <a href="#">University of Lugano</a>                                                           |
| <b>Federal Institutes of Technology</b> | ⇒ | <a href="#">Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</a><br><a href="#">Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</a><br><a href="#">Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Teaching and Research Institutes</b> | ⇒ | <a href="#">Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</a><br><a href="#">Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP)</a><br><a href="#">Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Universities of applied Sciences</b> | ⇒ | <a href="#">University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland</a> / <a href="#">Bern University of Applied Sciences</a> / <a href="#">University of Applied Sciences Northwest Switzerland</a> / <a href="#">University of applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland</a> / <a href="#">Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts</a> / <a href="#">University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland</a> / <a href="#">The Zürcher Fachhochschule</a> |
| <b>Validity</b>                         | ⇒ | The Scholarship is only valid for a full time postdoctoral research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed postdoctoral research (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Target Group</b>                     | ⇒ | Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from all academic fields.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

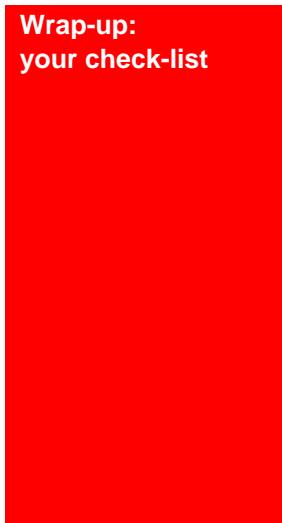
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| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                           | ⇒ 12 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Amount and additional allowances</b>                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 3'500 Swiss Francs.</li> <li>⇒ Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL).</li> <li>⇒ Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-EU and EFTA grantees only).</li> <li>⇒ A lump sum for air fare for non-European grantees only (provided at the end of the scholarship).</li> <li>⇒ Special 300 Swiss Francs housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).</li> <li>⇒ 1 year half-fare public transportation card.</li> <li>⇒ Counseling and various trips, dinners and sight-seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions</b>                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ PhD degree</li> <li>⇒ There cannot be a gap of more than 5 years between the award of the PhD and the application deadline.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who are in Switzerland for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship are not eligible.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must provide a letter (e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that he/she is willing to supervise the postdoctoral research. Without such a document the application will be rejected.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe (this is the central piece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it).</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the postdoctoral research.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Selection Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <p>The following dimensions and selection criteria are considered mainly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The candidate: Her/his academic profile and research capacity.</li> <li>⇒ The research project: It's originality and methodological soundness.</li> <li>⇒ The academic context: The quality of supervision and the potential for future academic cooperation.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Application Procedure</b>                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Swiss Embassy in Nicosia.</li> <li>⇒ The deadline for the submission of applications is 15.10.2014</li> <li>⇒ Applications have to be submitted in 3 copies (hard copies only).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Application Time Framework</b>                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Opening of the call: 01.08.2014</li> <li>⇒ Application Deadline: 15.10.2014</li> <li>⇒ Selection Interview, ask: Swiss Embassy</li> <li>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 14.09.2015</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Application documents</b><br>(Please provide 3 sets of copies on <u>A4 paper</u> . Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic sheets or binders). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The FCS 2015-2016 official application form (typed and printed). <u>No handwritten forms will be accepted.</u></li> <li>⇒ Copies of all university certificates and grade-sheets (all copies must be attested, and translated if originals are not in English, German, French or Italian. Attestations can be done by the University or a Government Officer.</li> <li>⇒ 2 letters of recommendation from Professors in the applicants field (<u>use exclusively</u> the official reference form provided with the application package).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



- ⇒ A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), use exclusively the official research proposal form provided with the application package.
- ⇒ A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).
- ⇒ A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications.
- ⇒ A copy of the confirmation from a Professor at the intended Swiss University that he/she is willing to supervise the Postdoctoral Research.
- ⇒ A health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package).
- ⇒ A copy of the passport (main page with personal data).



- ⇒ Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address:  
Swiss Embassy in Nicosia  
P.O. Box 20729, 1663 Nicosia
  
- E-mail: [nic.vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:nic.vertretung@eda.admin.ch)
- Tel: 00357 22 466800
- Web: <http://www.eda.admin.ch/nicosia>



- ⇒ The FCS 2015-2016 official application form with photo
- ⇒ CV with list of publications
- ⇒ Motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- ⇒ A copy of the confirmation from a professor at the intended Swiss university stating that she/he will supervise the research
- ⇒ 2 letters of recommendation from professors (use the FCS form only)
  
- ⇒ A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages) using exclusively the official FCS research proposal form provided with the application package
  
- ⇒ Photocopies of certificates from previously attended university/colleges and diplomas with grades
- ⇒ Medical certificate (use solely the official FCS form)
- ⇒ Copy of passport