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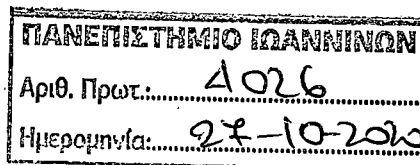
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Η Ελβετική κυβέρνηση μέσω της Ομοσπονδιακής Επιτροπής Υποτροφιών για ξένους φοιτητές (FCS) χορηγεί υποτροφίες για το ακαδημαϊκό έτος 2021-2022. Οι υποτροφίες απευθύνονται σε ερευνητές από όλα τα επιστημονικά πεδία που ενδιαφέρονται να συνεχίσουν τις σπουδές τους στην Ελβετία και αφορούν ερευνητικά προγράμματα ενός έτους σε επίπεδο διδακτορικών ή μετα-διδακτορικών σπουδών, καθώς και διδακτορικά προγράμματα. Επίσης προσφέρονται υποτροφίες για μεταπτυχιακές σπουδές στους τομείς των Τεχνών.

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L'Ambassade de Suisse présente ses compliments au Ministère Hellénique des Affaires Etrangères et a l'honneur de l'informer que par l'intermédiaire de la Commission fédérale des bourses pour étudiants étrangers (CFBE), la Confédération suisse offre des bourses universitaires d'excellence pour des étudiants étrangers (Universités suisses, Ecoles polytechniques fédérales, Hautes écoles spécialisées) pour l'année académique 2021 - 2022. Celles-ci sont offertes dans le cadre d'un pool (offre de bourses à un groupe de pays). Ces bourses sont destinées à de jeunes chercheurs déjà titulaires d'un diplôme d'enseignement supérieur (post gradués). Elles doivent leur permettre d'y mener des travaux de recherche dans les domaines auxquelles les universités suisses accordent une attention particulière. En outre, l'offre concerne aussi des bourses d'études artistiques (conservatoires et hautes écoles d'art).

Les conditions d'octroi des bourses sont communiquées aux candidats dans le « Application Guidelines for the Academic Year 2021-2022 » (ci-joint). Les intéressés doivent s'adresser directement à l'Ambassade pour y obtenir les formules de candidatures à remplir en deux (2) exemplaires. Le dossier complet est à renvoyer à l'Ambassade **jusqu'au 31 octobre 2020**. Les dossiers reçus après cette date, ou les dossiers incomplets, ne seront pas pris en considération. Aucune demande de candidat(e) résidant déjà en Suisse depuis plus qu'un (1) an le moment du début de la bourse, ne sera prise en considération.

Au Ministère Hellénique
des Affaires Etrangères

Athènes

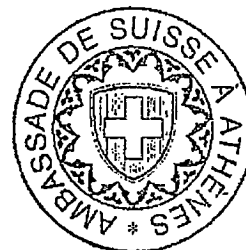
Avant de déposer leur candidature, les intéressés devront s'assurer que leur plan d'étude ou leur projet de recherche peut être réalisé à l'Université, l'Ecole polytechnique ou la HES choisie en prenant contact au préalable avec un professeur ou avec la direction d'un cours post grade en Suisse.

La Commission fédérale des bourses donne une certaine priorité aux intéressés qui soumettent leur candidature dans le cadre d'une coopération entre l'université de leur pays d'origine et une université suisse, notamment pour les travaux de recherche. Au titre de l'année académique 2020-2021 l'Ambassade se réjouit de communiquer au Ministère que huit (8) bourses ont été octroyées par le Gouvernement Suisse à des étudiants grecs.

L'Ambassade remercie le Ministère de bien vouloir, comme par le passé, faire diffuser cette offre par le biais du Ministère de l'Education nationale.

L'Ambassade de Suisse saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Ministère Hellénique des Affaires Etrangères les assurances de sa haute considération.

Athènes, le 4 août 2020



Annexes :

- Manuel de Candidature (en anglais)



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Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
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Federal Commission for Scholarships
for Foreign Students FCS

**Academic Year
2021-2022**

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Students
at Swiss Higher Education Institutions

Application Guidelines for the Academic Year 2021-2022



To prepare a successful application:

Please read carefully and respect these guidelines exactly

Internet Link: www.sbfi.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

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In case of doubt the scholarship offer for your country of origin is decisive.

For further information see :

> www.sbfi.admin.ch/scholarships_eng > select your country of origin for full details

> [Video introduction to the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships \(5:04\)](#)

About the ...

Postgraduate scholarships

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Through the Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS aka ESKAS, CFBE), the Swiss Government grants foreign researchers postgraduate scholarships at Swiss higher education institutions (Universities, Federal Institutes of Technology and Universities of Applied Sciences, Arts and Music Schools).

The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are intended for highly motivated, competitive young researchers who have graduated from university (postgraduates). These scholarships will enable applicants to undertake research work in the fields in which the Swiss universities are particularly active.

Read the FCS webpage

Specific scholarship types are offered for each country. Please go to the FCS webpage in order to see **which type of scholarship is offered to your country of origin**.

Click FCS website: www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

Submit in your country of origin

Applications have to be submitted in the candidate's country of origin (citizenship). All candidates for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship have to submit their application at the specified contact (normally the Swiss Embassy) responsible for their country of origin. Double citizen are free to choose the country of origin where they prefer to submit their application.

The applications have to be submitted for a preliminary selection to the national institution in charge and/or to the Swiss diplomatic representation in the applicant's country of origin. The Swiss diplomatic representation will then forward the pre-selected applications to the FCS for final selection. In case your current country of residence is not your country of origin please submit your application to the Swiss diplomatic representation in your country of origin.

Application procedure

All year round

Entry Points

The Swiss diplomatic representation in the country of origin of the applicant are the entry point for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships.

In August

Release

Detailed information about the scholarship types available for your country of origin, the eligibility criteria and the deadlines are online. Click FCS website: www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

**September, October,
November**

Call for proposals

Get your application package from the Swiss diplomatic representation and prepare your dossier.

**Check for your
country**

Submission deadline

The date for submission of the application varies from country to country. Please check on the FCS website.

Before end of May

Selection

The results of the selection by the Federal Commission for Scholarships will be communicated at latest until the end of May.

In September

Start of scholarship

1st of September

Selection criteria

Important selection criteria

The 3 dimensions of selection criteria

The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are highly competitive. The following aspects of the application are considered mainly:

1) The candidate

Her/his academic profile, the research capacity and motivation.

2) The research proposal

Its originality and methodological soundness.

3) The academic context

The quality and context of supervision and the potential for future academic cooperation.

Strengthening cooperation

Longterm perspective

Candidates submitting their applications within the framework of a cooperation program between their academic home institution, where they are at the moment and/or where they accomplished their education, and a Swiss university/ institute have a certain priority.

Academic host – a precondition

Academic supervisor aka host professor

Academic supervisor

To have an eligible application package, each applicant wishing to undertake a research, PhD or a Postdoctoral scholarship must find a host professor in Switzerland willing to support and entitled to supervise their scholarship research project or PhD project.

A specific letter of invitation must imperatively be part of the application package. This is also valid for doctoral schools.

Failure to have an academic supervisor will result in the rejection of the application by the relevant national institution in the host country or by the Swiss diplomatic representation. An application without a host professor is not complete and will therefore be rejected.

Before contacting a host professor

Prepare yourself well before contacting a prospective host professor

Make sure that the prospective academic supervisor actually works in your field at a Swiss university. Be specific and furthermore make sure that you possess all of the competences required for the intended scientific collaboration. Find out, for instance, what requirements must be met in order to obtain a Master's degree at the university in question before contacting professors.

Note: Many professors receive numerous requests. Finding a professor who is willing to supervise you can be a major challenge. It can take several weeks or even months.

Watch this video for some hint before contacting a supervising professor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp4NnqZ2T00>

Some hint

Please note

The FCS application for a PhD scholarship including the support letter of a prospective host professor and the application for admission by a Swiss University for a PhD study are two separate procedures.

Finding your supervisor

Where to find

A prerequisite for the application

All Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are supervised and supported by a professor. The first step in the application process for the scholarship candidate is to find a professor at a Swiss academic institution **willing to act as her/ his academic supervisor** for the scholarship research project.

What should you do before contacting a potential academic supervisor?

Watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp4NnqZ2T0Q>

The FCS encourages candidates to find their academic supervisor on their own. There is no specific support offered in this bottom-up matching process. It is each applicants own task. A support letter from a host professor is required in any case. This is valid for doctoral school PhD applications as well. If the chosen doctoral school does not allow you to contact a supervisor before being admitted to the school, an application for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship is not possible.

Understanding the role of academic supervisors

Professors reported to the FCS that they are frequently contacted by scholarship applicants asking for support. Therefore the FCS secretariat issued a leaflet explaining the role of an academic supervisor for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holder.

The FCS recommends potential academic supervisors not to support more than 1 - 2 applicants per year. You find the leaflet «Will you be my supervisor?» enclosed in your application package. Feel free to use it when contacting your potential supervisor.

Good to know

Types of scholarships available

Not prolongable

All scholarships start in September

It is not possible to start the scholarship in the Spring semester or any other time in the year.

Not prolongable

Research Scholarship

12 months (September – August) – no prolongation possible.

Cannot be upgraded into a prolongable PhD scholarship.

Grant applications for stay lasting less than 9 months will not be treated as a priority.

Grant applications for stay lasting less than 6 months will be rejected.

Prolongable

PhD Scholarship

12 months (September – August) – prolongable up to 36 months **at most**

The PhD scholarships can be **prolonged** based on the achieved academic results. It is the concerned grant holder's and the supervisor's responsibility to find sufficient funding beyond the maximal duration of the PhD scholarship (36 months) if it turns out to be necessary to end the doctorate.

Not prolongable

Postdoctoral Scholarship

12 months (September – August) – no prolongation possible

Grant applications for stays lasting less than 9 months will not be treated as a priority.

Grant applications for stays lasting less than 6 months will be rejected.

Prolongable

Arts Scholarships

12 months (September – August) – prolongable up to 21 months **at most** depending on the Master programme chosen and the necessary ECTS credits.

Research Fellowships

Research Fellowships (12 months)

Go to the FCS webpage in order to see which type of scholarship is offered to your country of origin

Intended for highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields.

- Master degree or equivalent achieved before 31 July 2021 (degree certificate)
- Date of birth after 31 December 1985
- A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the research
- Research proposal including time frame

Postgraduate scholarships

The scholarship is valid only for full-time research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). This scholarship is **not compatible with fieldtrips outside Switzerland**. Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork. Furthermore, this scholarship type is not available for scholars holding a PhD degree.

Cotutelle de thèse

PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalised agreement between two universities («cotutelle de thèse» cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors **are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only**.

PhD Scholarships

PhD Scholarships (12 months up to 36 months)

Go to the [FCS webpage](#) in order to see which type of scholarship is offered to your country of origin
Postgraduate scholarships

Intended for highly qualified PhD students from all academic fields.

- Master degree or equivalent achieved before 31 July 2021 (degree certificate)
- Date of birth after 31 December 1985
- A copy of the letter from an academic host professor entitled to supervise a PhD (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the PhD thesis. If an assistant professor supports a candidature, a full professor who is entitled to supervise the PhD during the entire scholarship has to co-sign the support letter.
- Research proposal including time frame

Full-time PhD only

The scholarship is valid only for full-time PhD studies in Switzerland at a Swiss university. It is not valid for mixed PhD programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). Furthermore, this scholarship type is not available for scholars holding a PhD degree.

Cotutelle de thèse

PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalised agreement between two universities («cotutelle de thèse» cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors **are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only.**

PhD Scholarships

Further important information for PhD applicants

Two separate

procedures:

Application and admission

The FCS application for a PhD scholarship and the application for admission by a Swiss university for a PhD study are two separate procedures. The admission to a PhD study at your chosen Swiss university is a *conditio sine qua non* for a potential attribution of a FCS scholarship – but no guarantee though for a positive decision by the Federal Commission for Scholarships FCS. It is the applicant's responsibility to manage both procedures in parallel.

Two different ways to achieve a PhD

The first way to achieve a doctorate degree (aka PhD) consists in undertaking **doctoral studies under the supervision of an academic mentor** (supervisor). In this case, the **admission to the PhD takes place after the scholarship start**.

For doctoral school applicants additional document required

The second way consists in **being admitted to a doctoral school**, which provides the framework for the following doctoral studies. Please inquire your admission directly at the corresponding school.

- In addition to all other application documents (including the support letter from a supervisor), the **admission letter from the doctoral school is required with the application dossier**. As this takes time applicants must plan accordingly and submit their application for admission to the doctoral school sufficiently in advance of the scholarship programme deadline.
- If the chosen doctoral school does not allow you to contact a supervisor before being admitted to the doctoral school, the application for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship is not possible.
- In case you do not get the admission to the doctoral school until the application deadline, and therefore cannot apply for the next academic year, you can always begin your studies without the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship and then apply for the following academic year. Please note: the exclusion criteria «Applicants who are in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship» stays effective.

Postdoctoral Scholarships

Postdoctoral Scholarships (12 months)

Go to the **FCS**
webpage in order
to see which type
of scholarship is
offered to your
country of origin

Intended for highly qualified postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields.

- PhD degree achieved after 31 December 2017 and before 31 July 2021 (PhD degree certificate)
- No funding for sabbaticals.
- A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the postdoctoral research.
- Not accepted as academic supervisors for Postdoctoral scholarship applicants are their former PhD mentors and their co-directors for the cotutelle PhD if the academic supervisor is at a Swiss university.
- Research proposal including time frame
- This scholarship is valid only for full-time postdoctoral research in Switzerland. It is **not compatible with fieldtrips outside Switzerland**. Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork.

Postgraduate scholarships

Arts Scholarships

Arts Scholarships (12 months up to 21 months at most)

Go to the FCS webpage in order to see which type of scholarship is offered to your country of origin

Intended for highly qualified art students from all artistic fields wishing to pursue an initial master course.

- Bachelor degree or equivalent achieved before 31 July 2021 (degree certificate)
- Applicants should start their scholarship no later than three years after graduating with their Bachelor's degree.
- Date of birth after 31 December 1985
- A proof for «admission is under consideration» at the intended Swiss arts or music school (conservatory). This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements. If applicable: a copy of the letter from a professor confirming the supervision of the studies.
- Valid only to pursue an initial master course. Applicants for arts and music cannot apply for a second master's degree.

Master scholarships

List of eligible countries

This type of scholarship is available for the following countries only:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, United States of America

Study location

Eligible host institutions

Swiss public academic institutions

The Swiss Government Scholarships are granted for research in one of the Swiss public universities, Federal Institutes of Technology, University of Applied Sciences or Schools of music and arts. The arts and music scholarships are granted for studies in the public music academies, as well as art and design schools.

Useful weblinks

Information on the universities, programmes, and professors can be obtained on the internet sites of the Swiss academic institutions, on the portal [swissuniversities](#) and [«study in Switzerland+»](#).

Full-time research only

The scholarship is valid only for full-time research in Switzerland. It is not valid for on-the-job studies, part-time studies, correspondence courses or mixed programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). During their scholarship grant holders are resident in Switzerland.

Field work for PhD grant holders only

The scholarship is meant for conducting research in the Swiss host institution. For Research as well as Postdoctoral scholarships, no fieldwork abroad of Switzerland is possible during the scholarship period. PhD students working in an academic field where fieldwork is indispensable, have to submit a request for acceptance of fieldwork indicating in advance the exact period, destination and purpose. A support letter by the academic supervisor has to be enclosed. There is no additional financial support for fieldwork by FCS.

At max 12 months in Switzerland before start

Coming to Switzerland

This scholarship primarily offers an opportunity to scholars who have not already been to Switzerland. Scholarship applicants may not be resident in Switzerland since more than one year when they start their grant next September. Otherwise they are not eligible. Applicants already in Switzerland during their application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

Obligations

Living in Switzerland

Place of residence

Swiss Government Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period. The scholarship holders must be resident preferably in the city (in Switzerland) or in the Canton of their research/study institution. They must comply with the FCS instructions, regulations concerning the residence for foreigners in Switzerland and with the university/ art institution regulations.

No family allowances

Family and children

The FCS does not have the authority to decide on the possibility of bringing the family of the scholarship holder to Switzerland. This is left to the Federal and Cantonal Migration Offices, which at present deal with requests very restrictively. The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only. There are no additional family allowances.

Notifying FCS about other grants and other forms of financial support

Other grants and additional income

If you are awarded another additional scholarship or you receive other forms of financial support (such as income from teaching and research assistance, etc.) you are asked to notify the Federal Commission for Scholarships. The scholarship cannot be used as top-up to an existing full employment.

Financial matters

Grants

Scholarship amount

Research scholarship:	1'920.- Swiss Francs per month = 23'040.- CHF for 1 year
PhD scholarship:	1'920.- Swiss Francs per month = 23'040.- CHF for 1 year
Arts scholarship:	1'920.- Swiss Francs per month = 23'040.- CHF for 1 year
Postdoctoral scholarship:	3'500.- Swiss Francs per month = 42'000.- CHF for 1 year

Housing allowance

All scholarship holders receive a one-time lump sum of CHF 300.- with the first grant payment to help them pay part of the housing deposit.

Semester fees

Tuition fees and Master fees for artists

The FCS does not pay for tuition and/or semester fees. In some cases the universities and the Federal Institute of Technology do require scholarship holders to pay semester fees (generally around 600.- CHF per semester) or at least reduced tuition fees. In some cases the universities do not waive the PhD fees. In case the Universities and the Universities of Applied Sciences and Art Schools should not waive the fees, it is up to the grantee to pay for the fees.

Insurance

Health insurance

According to the Swiss law, every resident in Switzerland must be covered by a Health Care Insurance (except for dental care). For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance. Please note, scholarship holders from EU and EFTA countries have to come with their European insurance card and pay themselves the relative expenses.

Financial matters

Europe

Travel expenses

Grantees from EU and EFTA member states pay for their own travel expenses to Switzerland as well as back to their country of origin.

Worldwide

Grantees from outside the European Union and the EFTA pay for their own travel expenses to Switzerland, but the FCS pays a return allowance (lump sum depending upon the country of origin) for the ticket back to their country of origin at the end of the scholarship.

Allowance up to six month after the scholarship

Return allowance

However, the return allowance will not be paid if the scholarship holders extend their stay in Switzerland beyond six months after completion of their research, if they take up employment pending the continuation of their research or if they move to a Third country.

No allowances

Conferences

Valid for all scholarship types: There are no allowances for international conferences.

Fieldwork only for PhD grant holders possible

Fieldwork

Once the scholarship is awarded PhD scholarship holders may submit a special request regarding their PhD thesis and the potentially necessary fieldwork. The scholarship may continue during the fieldwork up to six months. No additional financial support is possible though for fieldwork by FCS. For other scholarship types, no fieldwork abroad of Switzerland is possible during the scholarship period.

Preparing your application

**English, French,
German, Italian**

**Two sets to be
submitted:**

1st set original,
attested, signed
documents

2nd set with copies

**Your CV must
include**

Include the following information in your CV: personal education and training, degrees and diplomas (with precise dates), if applicable: awards, academic positions (with precise dates), non-academic positions (with precise dates), publications with references, conferences, academic teaching experiences, extra academic experiences, links to your sciences blogs, your presentation online.
FCS advises **against the use of the Europass CV** template.

**Fill in completely
and sign your
documents**

Complete and signed applications are valid only
Please fill in the forms carefully and completely. Sign the form and the research proposal. Only signed applications are valid and eligible.

**Thank you for
your patience**

Results follow until end of May next year

If the application is short listed by the national authority and/or the Swiss Diplomatic Representation it will be sent to Switzerland for the final selection by the FCS. The FCS will inform you by the end of May next year at latest whether your application has been successful or not.

Four admissible languages

The application documents have to be submitted in **English, French, Italian or German**. If your documents are not in one of these languages, then **an authenticated translation in English** must be included. Attestations can be done by a university or a government officer.

Exception for India: Self attested documents are accepted.

Submitting 2 sets of documents – each in the precise order

Please submit 2 sets (= 1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given (see pages 19-22). The 1st set contains the original, signed documents plus, if applicable the attested translations. The other set is a copy of the 1st set.

Preparing your application

Research, PhD and
Postdoctoral
scholarship
applications

Documents for Postgraduate Scholarships

Please submit 2 sets (= 1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1st set contains the original, signed documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1st set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.

Please
do not put
the documents
into plastic folders
or binders

- 1) Signed FCS application form (typed and printed) with photo.
- 2) A full CV with list of personal education and training, degrees and diplomas (with precise dates), awards, academic positions (with precise dates), non-academic positions (with precise dates), publications with references, conferences, academic teaching experiences, extra academic teaching experiences, links to your science blogs, your presentations online etc.
- 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).
- 4) All applicants must have a clear research goal. Therefore research fellowship, postdoctoral scholarship as well as PhD scholarship candidates have to submit a complete research proposal (max. 5 pages, signed) including a layman abstract in English, using exclusively the FCS research proposal form provided with the application package. The research proposal is a central part of your application. Please devote the required attention to it and submit only a signed document.
- 5) A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to support and supervise the research.

For research fellowships in addition:
A short CV of the academic mentor at the home institution.

For **PhD scholarships at doctoral schools only**, in addition: The confirmation for accepted admission is required. A support letter from a host professor is required in any case additionally.

Preparing your application

Research, PhD and
Postdoctoral
scholarship
applications

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- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS form – originals in sealed envelopes only, for the first set).
No copies for 2nd set.
- 7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/ colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations in English. Exception for India: Self attested documents are accepted.
Do not submit the original certificates.
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- 9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports. Applicants already in Switzerland during their application procedure, add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

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Preparing your application

Arts scholarship applications

Documents for Arts Scholarships

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- 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages specifying the reasons to study in Switzerland, the importance of the choice for your future career as well as your professional projects at the end of the scholarship).
- 4) The applicants for arts scholarships do not have to submit a research proposal.
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- 4b) For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: Copies or photos of 3 pieces of your work, along with rough drafts (incl. their dates of creation; work labelled with name, surname and country).

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Preparing your application

Arts scholarship
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Please respect the
precise order of
documents
from 1) to 9)

- 5) A proof for «admission is under consideration» at the intended Swiss arts or music school (conservatory). This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements. If applicable, a copy of the letter from a professor confirming the supervision of the studies.
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Exclusion criteria

Invalid applications

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|--|---|
| Non eligible | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The applicant does not fulfill the eligibility criteria stated on the FCS website and in these application guidelines. |
| No admission to doctoral school | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For PhD candidates at doctoral schools only: the document confirming your admission to the doctoral school is missing. |
| Already in CH | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Applicants who are in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship. |
| Bad presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The application is incomplete, does not respect the guidelines, does not include the proper and completely filled FCS forms, is not submitted twofold in the correct order or is badly prepared. |
| Not accepted supervisors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For PostDocs: Not accepted are the PhD mentors and co-directors for cotutelle PhD at a Swiss university. |
| No supervisor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- An application without a host professor is not complete and will therefore be rejected. |
| Non specific | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Applications for more than one university and/or for more than one scholarship type. |
| Rerun | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible for a second scholarship. |
| Careful preparation is worthwhile | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incomplete (e.g. without a specific invitation letter from an academic host Professor in Switzerland) or badly prepared applications will not be taken into consideration! |

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Federal Commission for Scholarships for foreign students FCS

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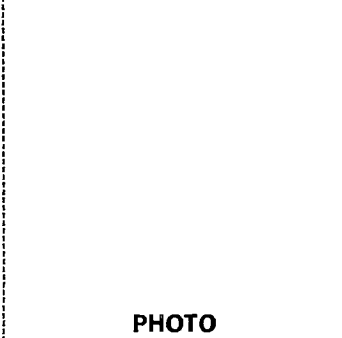
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for Foreign Students FCS

Candidature à une bourse d'excellence de la Confédération suisse
Bewerbung um ein schweizerisches Bundes-Exzellenz-Stipendium
Candidatura per una borsa di studio della Confederazione Svizzera
Application for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship

Année académique / Studienjahr / Anno accademico / Academic year 2021-2022

 PHOTO	Pays d'origine / Herkunftsland Paese d'origine / Country of origin	
	Type de bourse / Stipendientyp / tipo di borsa / scholarship type	
	☐ Stage de recherche / Forschungsaufenthalt / Borsa di ricerca / Research Fellowship	
	☐ Doctorat / Doktorat / Dottorato / PhD	
		☐ Postdoctorat / Postdoktorat / Postdottorato / Postdoc
		☐ Bourse artistique / Kunststipendium / Borsa artistica / Arts Scholarship
		If applicable: musical instrument

Valable uniquement rempli complètement et signé. A imprimer en 2 exemplaires (pas de formulaire manuscrit) / Nur vollständig ausgefüllt und unterschrieben gültig. Zu drucken in 2 Exemplaren (keine Handschrift) / Valido solo compilato completamente e firmato in 2 esemplari (manoscritti non ammessi) / Only valid if filled completely and signed in 2 copies typed and printed (no handwritten forms)

I. DONNEES PERSONNELLES / PERSONALIEN / DATI PERSONALI / PERSONAL DATA

1. Nom de famille / Familienname / Cognome / Familyname: 	6. Tel:
2. Prénom / Vorname / Nome / First Names: 	7. Nationalité / Nationalität / Nazionalità / Nationality:
3. Adresse / Indirizzo postale / Mailing Address: Address Zip Code City State Country	8. Date de naissance / Geburtsdatum / Data di nascita / Date of birth: Please use the format: dd/mm/yyyy
4. Sexe / Geschlecht / Sesso / Sex: ☐ masculin / männlich / maschile / male ☐ féminin / weiblich / femminile / female	9. E-Mail:
5. Etat Civil / Zivilstand / Stato civile / Marital Status ☐ célibataire ledig nubile / celibe single ☐ marié (e) verheiratet sposato (a) married ☐ divorcé (e) geschieden divorziato (a) divorced ☐ veuf (veuve) verwitwet vedovo (a) widowed	10. Nom de la personne à aviser en cas de nécessité / Name und Adresse jener Person, welche im Notfall benachrichtigt werden soll / Contatto in caso di emergenza / Name and address of the person to contact in case of emergency: Name/ Address Zip Code City/ Country Phone number
11. Enfants / Kinder / Figli / Children ☐ non nein no ☐ oui ja si yes Si oui, combien? Wenn ja, wieviele? Se sì, quanti? If yes how many?	

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Mise en garde: Le dépôt d'un dossier de candidature à une bourse de la Confédération Suisse est gratuit.

**II. RECHERCHE ET ETUDES UNIVERSITAIRES OU ARTISTIQUES PREVUES EN SUISSE
BEABSICHTIGTE FORSCHUNG RESP. UNIVERSITÄRES ODER KÜNSTLERISCHES STUDIUM IN DER SCHWEIZ
RICERCA E STUDI UNIVERSITARI O ARTISTICI PREVISTI IN SVIZZERA
RESEARCH AND UNIVERSITY STUDIES OR FINE ARTS STUDIES PLANNED IN SWITZERLAND**

1. Field of research/ study and University in Switzerland

- Discipline choisie / gewünschte Studienrichtung
Disciplina prescelta / Foreseen field of study:
- A quelle université, Haute école désirez-vous étudier?
An welcher Universität, Hochschule möchten Sie studieren?
Presso quale università vorreste studiare?
At which university or university of applied sciences
would you like to study?
- Nom de l'institut / Name des Instituts
Nome dell'istituto / Name of the institute
- Adresse de l'institut / Adresse des Instituts
Indirizzo dell'istituto / Address of the institute
incl. street, ZIP Code, City, Canton

2. Academic Supervisor who accepted to host you

- Titre et nom du professeur / Titel und Name des Professors
Titolo e nome del professor / Title and name of the professor
- Adresse E-mail du professeur / E-Mail Adresse des Professors
Indirizzo e-mail del professore / E-mail address of the professor
For Arts candidates only
- Adresse e-mail du responsable des études / E-Mail Studienleiter
e-mail responsabile dello studio / e-mail director of studies
- Lien internet: CV du professeur / Internet link: CV des Prof. / link internet: curriculum del professore / internet link: professors' CV

if applicable, second academic supervisor

- Titre et nom du professeur / Titel und Name des Professors
Titolo e nome del professor / Title and name of the professor
- Adresse E-mail du professeur / E-Mail Adresse des Professors
Indirizzo e-mail del professore / E-mail address of the professor

3. Your stay in Switzerland

- Durée des études prévues en Suisse / Voraussichtliche Studien-
dauer in der Schweiz / Durata prevista degli studi in Svizzera
Foreseen duration of studies in Switzerland
- Avez-vous l'intention d'obtenir un diplôme en Suisse? / Beabsichtigen Sie ein
Diplom in der Schweiz zu erwerben? Avete l'intenzione di ottenere un diploma
in Svizzera? / Do you intend to acquire a diploma in Switzerland?
- *Si oui lequel? Indiquer le titre exact du programme (doctoral) tel qu'il figure sur le site internet de l'université
Wenn ja, welches? Bitte um genauen Titel des (Doktorats-)Programms - wie auf der Internetseite der Universität aufgeführt
Se sì, quale? Indicate il titolo esatto del programma (dottorale), come figure sul sito internet dell'università
If yes, which one? Please write the exact name of the (doctoral) program as it appears on the university webpage

☐ Non / Nein / No

☐ Oui / Ja / Si / Yes*

4. Existing Collaboration

- Existe-t-il une collaboration entre votre université et l'université choisie en Suisse?
Besteht eine Kooperation zwischen der universitären Institution des Heimatlandes
und jener der Schweiz? / Esiste una collaborazione tra la vostra università e
l'università in Svizzera? / Is there a cooperation agreement between your
university and the chosen university in Switzerland?
- *Si oui laquelle? / Wenn ja, welche? / Se sì, quale? / If yes, which one?

☐ Non / Nein / No

☐ Oui / Ja / Si / Yes*

5. Research proposal

- Titre du projet de recherche / Projekttitle / Titolo del progetto / Project title

6. Motivation / Motivation / Motivazione / Motivation

- Une phrase: Pourquoi souhaitez-vous recevoir cette bourse? / In einem Satz: Warum möchten Sie dieses Stipendium erhalten?
In una frase: Per quale motivo desidera questa borsa? / In one sentence: Why would you like this scholarship?

7. Projets d'avenir / Zukunftspläne / Piani per il futuro / Plans for the future

8. Connaissances linguistiques / Sprachkenntnisse / Conoscenze linguistiche / Language Proficiency

- Langue maternelle / Muttersprache / Madrelingua / Mother tongue:

- Langue de travail / Arbeitssprache / Lingua di lavoro / Working language:

Langues étrangères: Fremdsprachen: Lingue straniera: Foreign languages:	Nombre d'années: Anzahl Jahre: Anni: Number of years:	Certificats / Diplômes: Zeugnisse / Diplome: Certificati / Diplomi: Certificates / Diplomas:	Niveau: * Stand: * Livello: * Level: *
Français/Franz./Francese/French:			
Allemand/Deutsch/Ted./German:			
Italien/Ital./Italiano/Italian:			
Anglais/Engl./Inglese/English:			
Autres/Andere/Altre/Others: 			

* Si pas de diplômes: "très bien" C2, C1 / "bien" B2 / "moyen" B1 / "faible" A2, A1 / "nul"

* Falls kein Diplom: "sehr gut" C2, C1 / "gut" B2 / "mittelmässig" B1 / "schwach" A2, A1 / "keine"

* In mancanza di diploma: "ottimo" C2, C1 / "buono" B2 / "mediocre" B1 / "debole" A2, A1 / "nessuno"

* If you don't have a language diploma: "very good" C2, C1 / "good" B2 / "mediocre" B1 / "bad" A2, A1 / "none"

according:
Common European Framework of
Reference for Languages

III. FORMATION SCOLAIRE / SCHULBILDUNG / FORMAZIONE SCOLASTICA / EDUCATION

1. Ecoles précédant l'Université / Voruniversitäre Schulen / Scuole precedenti l'università / Schools prior to the university

Ecoles fréquentées (Lycée): Besuchte Schulen (Gymnasium): Scuole frequentate (Liceo): Schools attended (High School):	Durée: Dauer: Durata: Duration:	du / au von / bis dal / al from / until	Lieu: Ort: Luogo: Place:

2. Universités, Hautes Ecoles / Universitäten, Hochschulen / Università / Universities (Colleges) attended

2.1. Bachelor obtenu / Bachelor Abschluss / Bachelor conseguito / Bachelor degree obtained ☐ Yes ☐ No

Université fréquentée / besuchte Universität / Università frequentata / University (College) attended:

Discipline / Fachrichtung / Disciplina / Major in:

Durée / Dauer / Durata / Duration: à / bis / al / until Notes ou mentions / Noten oder Prädikate / Voti e titoli / Grades and credits

2.2. Master obtenu / Master Abschluss / Master conseguito / Master degree obtained ☐ Yes ☐ No

Université fréquentée / besuchte Universität / Università frequentata / University (College) attended:

Discipline / Fachrichtung / Disciplina / Major in:

Durée / Dauer / Durata / Duration: à / bis / al / until Notes ou mentions / Noten oder Prädikate / Voti e titoli / Grades and credits

Remarques / Bemerkungen / Nota / Remarks:

2.3. Doctorat obtenu / Doktorat abgeschlossen / Dottorato conseguito / Phd degree obtained ☐ Yes ☐ No

Université fréquentée / besuchte Universität / Università frequentata / University (College) attended:

Discipline / Fachrichtung / Disciplina / Major in:

Durée / Dauer / Durata / Duration: à / bis / al / until Notes ou mentions / Noten oder Prädikate / Voti e titoli / Grades and credits

Soutenance de thèse / Dissertationsexamen / Tesi di laurea / PhD exam (mm/yyyy):

2.4. Etudes de recherche en cours / Forschung in Vorbereitung / Studi in corso / Research Studies in progress ☐ Yes ☐ No

Si vous préparez un titre universitaire veuillez le désigner et indiquer la date prévue d'obtention du diplôme:
Wenn Sie sich auf einen akademischen Abschluss vorbereiten, geben Sie bitte den Titel und den voraussichtlichen Examenstermin an:
Se state preparando un titolo accademico indicare di quale il tipo e la probabile data di fine:
If you are preparing yourself for an academic title, please indicate the degree and the expected graduation date:

Université fréquentée / besuchte Universitäten / Università frequentata / University (College) attended:

Type de diplôme / Bildungsstufe / Tipo di diploma / Type of degree: BA, MA, MSc, MD, PhD

Discipline / Fachrichtung / Disciplina / Major in:

Date prévue du diplôme / voraussichtlicher Examenstermin / Data finale prevista / Foreseen graduation date (mm/yyyy):

IV. DIVERS / VARIA / VARIE / MISCELLANEOUS

1. Activité professionnelle / Berufstätigkeit / Attività professionale / Professional Experience?

☐ Oui / Ja / Sì / Yes*

☐ Non / Nein / No

* Si oui / Wenn ja / Se sì / If yes	Durée: Dauer: Durata: Duration:	du / au von / bis dal / al from / until	Employeur: Arbeitgeber: Datore di lavoro: Employer:
Berufstätigkeit: Tipo di attività: Type of activity:			

2. Questions financières / Finanzielles / Questioni finanziarie / Financial Statement:

- Comment vos études ont-elles été financées jusqu'à présent? / Wie wurde Ihr Studium bisher finanziert?
Come sono stati finanziati i vostri studi finora? / How have your studies been financed so far?

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- Si vous avez bénéficié de bourses, veuillez les désigner / Falls Sie bereits Stipendien erhalten haben, nennen Sie diese
Se avete ricevuto delle borse indicatete / If you previously received scholarships, please indicate which one(s)

Donateur de la bourse: Stifter des Stipendiums: Provenienza della borsa: Donor of the Scholarship:	Montant (en CHF): Betrag (in CHF): Importo (in CHF): Amount (in CHF):	par mois pro Monat mensile per month	Durée: Dauer: Durata: Duration:	du / au von / bis dal / al from / until

- Etes-vous actuellement candidat à une autre bourse ou pensez-vous le devenir?
Haben Sie sich zur Zeit noch um ein anderes Stipendium beworben oder gedenken Sie es zu tun?
Avete fatto domanda o pensate di farla anche per un'altra borsa?
Are you applying for another scholarship or are you planning to do so?

☐ Oui / Ja / Sì / Yes*

☐ Non / Nein / No

- *Si oui laquelle? / Wenn ja, welches? / Se sì, quale? / If yes, which one?

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3. Séjours en dehors de votre pays / Auslandsaufenthalte / Soggiorni all'estero / Stays abroad:

Pays / Land / Paese / Country:	Année (durée) / Jahr (Dauer) / Anno (durata) Year (duration) : yyyy (# months)	Motif / Motiv / Motivo / Purpose

V. Références / Referenzen / Referenze / References

- Nom et adresse de deux professeurs qui suivent vos études
Name und Adresse von zwei Professoren, die Ihre Studienleistungen am besten kennen
Nome e indirizzo di due professori al corrente del vostro rendimento universitario
Name and address of two professors who are well acquainted with your academic record

- Nom et adresse d'une autre personne capable de fournir des renseignements sur vous (sans lien de parenté)
Name und Adresse einer weiteren Person, die über Sie Auskunft geben kann (nicht verwandt)
Nome e indirizzo di un'altra persona in grado di fornire informazioni su di voi (parenti esclusi)
Name and address of another person who is able to give information about you (not a related person)

- Avez-vous déjà des contacts personnels avec la Suisse ou avec des Suisses (noms et adresses)
Haben Sie schon Kontakte in der Schweiz oder mit Schweizern (Name und Adresse)
Avete già contatti in Svizzera o con cittadini svizzeri (nome e indirizzo)
Do you already have contacts in Switzerland or with Swiss citizens (name and address)

☐ Oui / Ja / Sì / Yes*

☐ Non / Nein / No

- *Si oui lesquels? / Wenn ja, welche? / Se sì, quali? / If yes, which one?

La personne soussignée atteste que toutes les déclarations qui précèdent sont complètes et conformes à la vérité. Elle certifie en outre qu'elle a lu le document "**Application Guidelines 2021-2022**" destiné aux candidats à une bourse de la Confédération Suisse et qu'en cas d'attribution d'une bourse, elle se soumettra à toutes les obligations qui y sont énumérées.

Die unterzeichnende Person bestätigt, dass die vorhergehenden Angaben vollständig sind und der Wahrheit entsprechen. Sie bezeugt ferner, dass sie das Dokument "**Application Guidelines 2021-2022**" für Bewerber/innen um ein schweizerisches Hochschul- oder Kunststipendium gelesen und verstanden hat, und dass sie im Fall der Gewährung eines Stipendiums, die darin genannten Verpflichtungen erfüllen wird.

La/Il sottoscritta/o dichiara che tutte le dichiarazioni che precedono sono complete e corrispondono alla verità. Certifica inoltre, di aver letto il documento "**Application Guidelines 2021-2022**" destinato alle candidate e ai candidati per una borsa di studio della Confederazione Svizzera e che in caso d'attribuzione si sottometterà a tutti gli obblighi richiesti.

By my signature, I certify that the information provided are complete and true. I confirm that I have read and fully understood the document "**Application Guidelines 2021-2022**" for applicants for a Swiss scholarship for university or art studies and that I will comply with the rules and obligations if I am granted a scholarship.

Lieu / Ort / Luogo / Place:

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Date / Datum / Data / Date:

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Signature autographe:

Eigenhändige Unterschrift:

Firma autografa:

Authentic signature:

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Checklist

Documents to enclose for Research fellowships, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholarship Applications (Postgraduate level):

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- 2) A full CV with list of academic publications, awards, etc.
- 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).
- 4) A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages, **signed**), using exclusively the FCS research proposal form.
- 5) A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to support and supervise the research.
For research fellowships in addition:
A short CV of the academic mentor at the home institution.
For PhD scholarships at doctoral schools only, in addition:
The confirmation for accepted admission is required. A support letter from a host professor is required in any case.
- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form - originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.
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- 8) **Signed** medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).
- 9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports. If applicable, add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders.

Documents to enclose for Arts and Music Scholarship Applications (Master level):

Please submit 2 sets (= 1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below:

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- 1) **Signed FCS application form** (typed and printed) with photo.
- 2) A full CV with list of exhibitions, concerts, awards etc.
- 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages specifying your reasons to study in Switzerland, the importance of the choice for your future career as well as your professional projects at the end of the scholarships).
- 4) Applicants for arts scholarships do not have to submit a research proposal.
- 4a) For musicians:
High-quality CD of three different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors.
Composers have to submit their scores (CD labelled with name, surname and country).
- 4b) For painters, graphic artists and sculptors:
Copies or photos of three pieces of their work, along with rough drafts (incl. their dates of creation; work labelled with name, surname and country).
- 5) A proof for "admission is under consideration" at the intended Swiss fine arts or music school (conservatory). This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements. If applicable, a copy of the letter from a professor confirming the supervision of the studies.
- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form - originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.
- 7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations in English. Do not submit the original certificates. Only applications for initial master's degrees are eligible.
- 8) **Signed** medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).
- 9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports. If applicable, add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

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Οι υποτροφίες απευθύνονται σε ερευνητές από όλα τα επιστημονικά πεδία που ενδιαφέρονται να συνεχίσουν τις σπουδές τους στην Ελβετία και αφορούν ερευνητικά προγράμματα ενός έτους σε επίπεδο διδακτορικών ή μετα-διδακτορικών σπουδών, καθώς και διδακτορικά προγράμματα. Επίσης προσφέρονται υποτροφίες για μεταπτυχιακές σπουδές στους τομείς των Τεχνών.

Οι όροι υποβολής αιτήσεων θα αναρτηθούν μέχρι το τέλος Αυγούστου στην ιστοσελίδα: www.sbfi.admin.ch/scholarships_eng.

Πριν από την υποβολή αίτησης, οι υποψήφιοι πρέπει να εξασφαλίσουν ότι το σχέδιο σπουδών τους ή το ερευνητικό τους πρόγραμμα θα μπορούν να πραγματοποιηθούν στο Πανεπιστήμιο, στο Πολυτεχνείο ή στο επιλεγμένο ΑΤΕΙ, επικοινωνώντας εκ των προτέρων με έναν υπεύθυνο καθηγητή ή με τη διεύθυνση του μεταπτυχιακού προγράμματος που τον ενδιαφέρει.

Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι θα πρέπει να επικοινωνήσουν άμεσα με την Πρεσβεία (e-mail: athens@eda.admin.ch) για να λάβουν τα έντυπα υποψηφιότητας που θα συμπληρώσουν σε δύο (2) αντίτυπα. Ο πλήρης φάκελος πρέπει να επιστραφεί στην Πρεσβεία μέχρι τις 31 Οκτωβρίου 2020 (σφραγίδα συστημένου ταχυδρομείου ή courier). Δεν θα ληφθούν υπόψη αιτήσεις που υποβλήθηκαν μετά την ημερομηνία αυτή ή ελλιπείς φάκελοι. Δεν θα ληφθεί υπόψη αίτηση από υποψήφιο που έχει διαμείνει στην Ελβετία για περισσότερα από ένα (1) έτος κατά την έναρξη της υποτροφίας.



**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE - CERTIFICAT MEDICAL - ÄRZTLICHES ZEUGNIS -
CERTIFICATO MEDICO**

**To be filled in by the applicant / à remplir par le candidat / vom Bewerber auszufüllen /
da compilare dal candidato**

1. Surname / Nom de famille / Familienname / Cognome:		2. First name / Prénom / Vorname / Nome:	
3. Sex / Sexe / Geschlecht / Sesso:		4. Date of birth / Date de naissance / Geburtsdatum / Data di nascita: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
☐ Male / masculin / männlich / maschile ☐ Female / féminin / weiblich / femminile		Day Month Year	
5. Mailing Address / Adresse / Indirizzo postale:			
Address		Zip Code	
City		Country	
		E-mail	

**To be filled in by a medical doctor (own family doctor) / à remplir par un médecin de votre choix/
durch einen Arzt Ihrer Wahl auszufüllen / da compilare da un medico secondo scelta Sua**

- Is the person examined at present in good health and thoroughly able, physically and psychically, to carry out studies abroad?
 - La personne examinée est-elle actuellement en bonne santé et parfaitement en mesure, du point de vue physique et psychique, d'effectuer des études dans un pays étranger?
 - Ist die untersuchte Person gegenwärtig bei guter Gesundheit und vollauf in der Lage, körperlich und psychisch, ein Studium im Ausland zu absolvieren?
 - La persona visitata è in buona salute e perfettamente in grado, dal punto di vista fisico e mentale, di svolgere degli studi all'estero?
- ☐ Yes / Oui / Ja / Sì
 ☐ No / Non / Nein / No
- If no, please explain / Si non, merci de spécifier / Wenn nein, bitte erklären / Se no, grazie di spiegare:

Place / lieu / Ort / luogo:

Date / date / Datum / data:

Name and address of the physician:

Nom et adresse du médecin:

Name und Adresse des Arztes:

Nome e indirizzo del medico:

Signature of the physician:

Signature du médecin:

Unterschrift des Arztes:

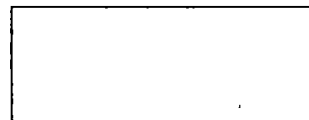
Firma del medico:

Seal of the physician:

Tampon du médecin:

Stempel des Arztes:

Timbro del medico:





Notes concerning corona-virus pandemic

Corona-virus pandemic The uncertainty surrounding the further development of the corona pandemic remains high.

Call for Scholarships The call for scholarships of the Swiss Confederation for the academic year 2021/22 is addressed to all countries regardless of the current corona pandemic situation.

Reservations Scholarships 2021/2022 will be awarded subject to the rules in force at the start of the scholarship on 1 September 2021.

Whether or not a scholarship awarded in the future can actually be taken up depends, on the one hand, on the applicable rules of the countries of origin and the Swiss Confederation and, on the other hand, on various other conditions (such as health situation, visa procedures, opening of borders, university operation, etc.).

The situation is constantly being reassessed. It is not possible to give more precise details for the time being. Current information on the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships can be found on: https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/scholarships_eng as well as on Twitter [@Swiss_FCS](https://twitter.com/Swiss_FCS)

Situation in Switzerland Please refer to the following webpage, which is continuously updated:
<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>

Berne, July 15, 2020

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists

«Will you be my supervisor?»

You are a professor at a Swiss academic institution. Foreign students and postgraduate researchers contact you to ask if you will act as their academic supervisor and host professor. The following information may be useful to you in deciding how to deal with such a request.

- The Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS (abbreviated as ESKAS in German and CFBE in French) sincerely thanks all potential academic supervisors for attentively choosing their candidate for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship and for giving them careful support.

Scholarship applicants are looking for host professors

- All Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are supervised by a professor. Therefore the first step in the application process for the scholarship candidate is to find a professor at a Swiss academic institution **willing to act as their supervisor** for the scholarship and support the research project.
- The FCS encourages candidates to find their supervisor on their own for their scholarship research project. There is no specific support offered in this bottom-up matching process.
- The supervisor **evaluates the academic suitability** of a candidate and **must endorse the research proposal** (including the time-frame), which is a central component of the application.
- The applicant has to reach an agreement with the supervisor. The **letter from the professor stating why** she/he is willing to **support and supervise** the PhD thesis or the (postdoctoral) research is a mandatory element of each application for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship.
- Without such support the scholarship application is not complete and will therefore be rejected.
- **The decision to act as academic supervisor or not is entirely up to you, of course.**

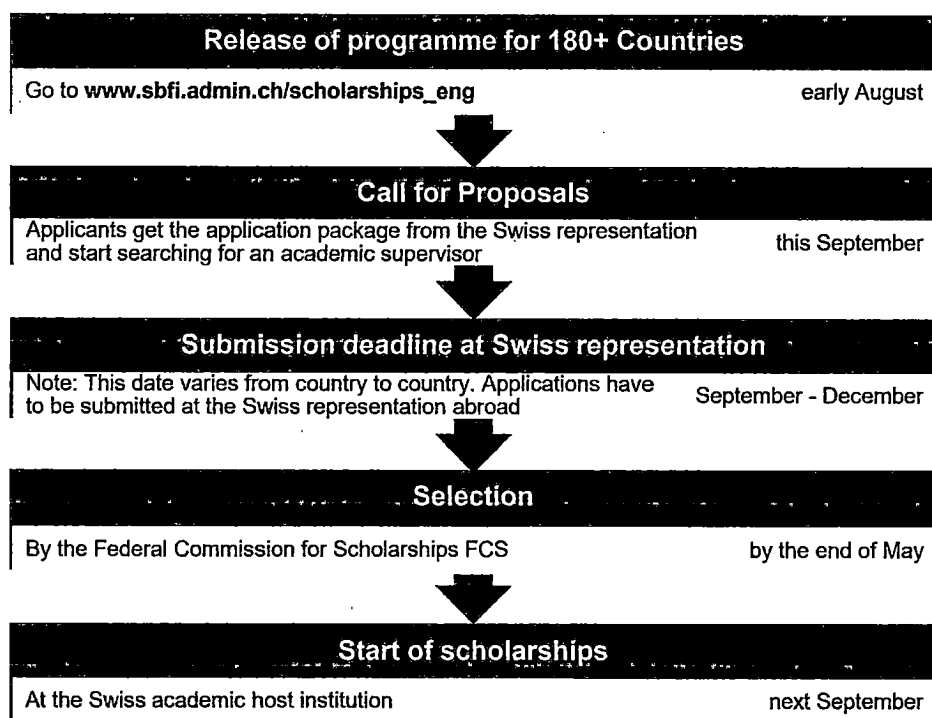
The academic supervisor:

A success factor and a role with responsibilities

- **If you agree** to act as an academic supervisor, you agree to supervise the scholarship holder during their whole research stay (12 months for research fellows and postdocs or 36 months for PhD scholarship holders). PhD thesis supervisors should do their utmost to ensure that adequate funding is available after the scholarship so that the thesis can be completed within a reasonable timeframe (1 or 2 additional years maximum).
- During the scholarship holder's stay in Switzerland, the Confederation together with the international relations office at your university and you as academic supervisor are responsible for them.
- As host professor **you agree to integrate the grantee into your team** and provide good research conditions (lab space and access to infrastructure). With consent of the FCS, a supplementary salary to the scholarship grant is possible up to a certain level. The scholarship cannot be used as top-up to an existing full employment.
- **Field research** is possible **for PhD scholarship holders only** and with accepted fieldwork request by FCS. No co-funding by FCS neither for fieldwork nor for attending conferences.
- Not accepted as academic supervisors for postdoctoral scholarship applicants are their previous PhD mentors and co-directors for the co-tutelle PhD at a Swiss university.
- **Major selection criteria** are the candidate's academic profile, their research capacity, and motivation plus the originality and methodological soundness of the research proposal as well as the quality and context of supervision and the potential for future academic cooperation. The FCS recommends that you **support 1 or 2 applicants per year only**.
- The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are prestigious and highly competitive. The expected success rate is around 15 to 20 percent.
- **A letter of sufficient scope from the host professor** should describe the research proposal, the relation to the candidate and possible future collaboration. A short CV from the host professor should be enclosed.
- Your thoughtfully drawn-up host letter **could be the decisive element in the scholarship application**.

Application procedure

- Yearly release of the call in August. Preparation of application and submission in autumn. Peer reviews of applications during winter. Selection and announcement of decision in spring. Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships run from 1st of September each year.



- Each year since 1961 the Swiss government has awarded **postgraduate scholarships** through the FCS to foreign scholars, now from over 180 countries. The following types of scholarships are offered: research fellowships, PhD- and Postdoc-scholarships as well as Arts scholarships (for selected countries only).
- Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are awarded for a period of **12 months**. Only PhD scholarships can be extended (up to 36 months at most). For PhDs lasting longer than 36 months the academic supervisors are expected to help organize a follow-up funding solution.
- Once the scholarship has come to an end, holders** are supposed to **return to their country of origin**. Finding employment in Switzerland after the end of the scholarship contradicts the intention of the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship, which is to promote brain and talent circulation.
- For detailed eligibility and exclusion criteria please consult the information online** (see link below).

Further information

Can be found at: www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

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Confidential Letter of Recommendation

for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship candidate

This letter of recommendation must be written by a professor under whom the applicant has studied or pursued research in the proposed field of study. Please fill in electronically and print.
The letter is confidential and should be in sealed envelopes and recent dated.

Name of the applicant:	Country:
	Date of Birth:
	Research Field:

Name of the Referee:	Street:
Title:	Zip Code:
Academic Institution:	City:
E-mail address:	Country:

1. How long have you known the applicant?

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant?

3. The applicant is among the best students/researchers (in %)

☐ 5% ☐ 10% ☐ 20% ☐ 30% ☐ No assessment possible

4. Please evaluate* the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known during your academic career:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Not Applicable
Intellectual ability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Knowledge of the field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work capacity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motivation to pursue the research	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Seriousness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Potential for contribution in the field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Resourcefulness and initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Potential to work in team	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adaptability to new environment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leadership qualities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* Your assessment may be justified and further clarified in your following explanations see 5).

5. How does the applicant stand out in academic and personal terms and how would you assess his/her potential?

6. Of what significance is the aspired scholarship to the applicant's academic and professional career and/or to his home institution?

7. Additional information that could be of importance to the scholarship award decision:

Place and
Date:

Signature and Stamp:

Disclaimer

This form is part of the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship application and your remarks are considered during the evaluation procedure. This document is solely for internal use by the Federal Commission for Scholarships.



Research Proposal for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship

The research proposal is an essential document of the application package. Based on this document the selection Committee composed of University Professors will judge the academic relevance of the scholarship project.

Your research proposal consists of seven parts and all of them have to be addressed. The text boxes are limited to the number of characters stated (bibliographical references – see annex - are not included in the limited number of characters/ pages¹).

Please devote all the necessary attention to this document.

Name	Surname	Date of Birth
Nationality	Home University	Home Institute
Type of scholarship requested ☐ Research fellowship ☐ PhD scholarship ☐ PostDoc scholarship	Swiss Host University	Swiss Host Institute
Project title		
Declaration by the applicant (please tick as appropriate, several answers are possible) ☐ I suggested this scientific topic, but I did not write this proposal. ☐ My supervisor suggested this specific topic. ☐ I suggested this scientific topic, and this proposal is co-authored with the future host supervisor. ☐ I have written this proposal entirely by myself, and I received feedback from the future host supervisor. ☐ I have written this proposal entirely by myself. ☐ None of the above. Please declare:		
Fieldwork planned (for PhD scholarships only; for PostDoc and research fellowship not possible) ☐ No ☐ Yes. If yes, please indicate where (country/ region) and for how long (number of months)		

Applicant's authentic signature NOTE: Sign the research proposal for your formally correct application

Place

Date

¹ Due to automatic page break, the limit of five pages may be exceeded. Decisive are the indicated limits of characters.

- 1. Project title**
- 2. Mandatory: Layman Abstract ² in English (at most 1600 characters, blanks included)**
- 3. Optional: Layman Abstract ² in French, in German or in Italian (at most 1600 characters, blanks included)**

² The Layman Abstract is a concise, clear, and brief description of the project. It should outline the problem, the objectives, expected outcomes, including significance of the project to the field being studied and the importance of the host institution. It should be written in less technical language readable to non-specialists.

4. State of research in the field in English, in French, in German or in Italian (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)

5. Aims, methodology and foreseen achievements (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)

6. Relevance of the project (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)

For the home institution

(for PhD and Postdoctoral candidates: your last academic institution attended;
for research fellowship candidates your current institution)

For the host institution (in Switzerland)

7. Schedule, timetable incl. eventual fieldwork (at most 1 page, 4000 characters, blanks included)

Annex: References (works cited only)