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Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship अन्तरगत शैक्षिक
बर्ष २०१९/२०२० का लागि Post Doctoral Scholarship का लागि
आवेदन खुला भएको सूचना ।

प्रकाशन मिति २०७५।६।६

परराष्ट्र मन्त्रालयको प.सं. ०७५/७६च.न.EA/EU/CHE/19/1393 मिति २०७५।०५।१९ को प्राप्त पत्रमा **Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship अन्तरगत शैक्षिक बर्ष २०१९/२०२० का लागि Post-Doctoral Scholarship** मा आवेदन खुला गरिएको जानकारी नेपालका सम्बन्धित निकायमा गराई दिनु हुन भनी स्वीस दुतावासले लेखेको नं.132/2018 मिति १६ अगष्ट २०१८ को पत्र प्राप्त भएकोले उक्त पत्रमा संलग्न भएका मापदण्ड पुरा गरेका इच्छुक नेपाली नागरिकले 30 November 2018 सम्म Internet Link : www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng मा गई आवेदन फाराम भर्नु हुन सम्बन्धित सबैलाई मन्त्रालयको मिति २०७५।६।५को निर्णयानुसार यो सूचना प्रकाशन गरिएको छ । विस्तृत विवरण माथिको Internet Link तथा यसै साथ संलग्न तपशिलका विवरण हेर्नु हुन समेत अनुरोध छ ।



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Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year: 2019-2020
Country: Nepal

Opening of the call: 01 September 2018
Submission deadline: 30 November 2018

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake a postdoctoral research at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology, the public teaching and research institutes or the universities of applied sciences.
Universities	⇒	University of Basel / University of Bern / University of Fribourg / University of Geneva / University of Lausanne / University of Lucerne / University of Neuchâtel / University of St. Gallen / University of Zürich / Università della Svizzera italiana
Federal Institutes of Technology	⇒	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ) Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI, WSL, EMPA, EAWAG)
Universities of applied Sciences	⇒	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)
Teaching and Research Institutes	⇒	University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland / Bern University of Applied Sciences / University of Applied Sciences Northwest Switzerland / University of applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland / Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts / University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland / The Zürcher Fachhochschule
Validity	⇒	Universities of teacher education
Validity	⇒	The Scholarship is only valid for full-time postdoctoral 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.

Target group	⇒ Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields. No funding for sabbaticals.
Duration	⇒ 12 months (starting in September) no extension 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.
Amount and additional allowances	⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 3'500. ⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance. ⇒ There are no family allowances. ⇒ No financial support for conferences. ⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship). ⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship). ⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card. ⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.
Eligibility criteria and specific conditions	⇒ PhD degree achieved after 31 December 2015 and before 31 August 2019 recognised by the Swiss university. As a proof, the degree has to be submitted to the Federal Commission for Scholarships before the start of the scholarship. ⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland for more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. ⇒ Applicants must provide a 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. Without such support, the application will be rejected. ⇒ Not accepted as academic supervisors for postdoctoral scholarship applicants are their former PhD mentors and their co-directors for the co-tutelle PhD if the academic supervisor is at a Swiss university. ⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe. This is the centrepiece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it. ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the postdoctoral research. ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship. Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.
Selection criteria	The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered: ⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation. ⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness. ⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.
Application timeframe	⇒ Opening of the call: 01 September 2018 ⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2018 ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 01 September 2019

Application procedure

⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Swiss Embassy in Kathmandu (see below).

Application documents

⇒ 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.

- 1) **Signed FCS application form** (typed and printed) with photo.
- 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 supervise and support the postdoctoral research.
- 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. Originals have not to be submitted.
- 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. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add the "Permis B".

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

Contact institution for the application

⇒ Questions and application documents, should be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below*:

⇒ Swiss Embassy in Nepal
P.O. Box no 113
Kathmandu

E-mail: kat.Scholarships@eda.admin.ch
Tel: 00977 1 552 4927
Web: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/kathmandu>



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Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal

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[Signature]
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The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal and has the honor to inform that the **Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars for the 2019-2020 Academic Year** is open since August 01, 2018 and will be coordinated through the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal for eligible Nepalese citizens.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal requests the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal to provide the information on the opening of the call for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Nepalese citizens to the Ministry of Education for listing on the notice of scholarships and to other related offices of the Government of Nepal. An information sheet with details on the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars for the 2019-2020 Academic Year is herewith enclosed.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal the assurances of its highest considerations.

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Kathmandu, August 16, 2018

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Pls see if we send this to MoEst.
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Government of Nepal
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Academic Year
2019-2020

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

Application Guidelines for the Academic Year 2019-2020

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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