



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

PhD Scholarships

Academic year: 2014-2015

Country: Tunisia

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence PhD Scholarships for foreign students
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake a PhD in one of the 10 Swiss Public Universities, the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology and public teaching and research institutes
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 Zurich / University of Lugano
Federal Institutes of Technology	⇒	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)
Teaching and Research Institutes	⇒	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP) Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch
Validity	⇒	The Scholarship is only valid for full time PhD studies in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed PhD programs (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country)
Target Group	⇒	Highly qualified post graduate students (in possession of the required degrees) from all academic fields
Duration	⇒	3 years maximum
Amount and additional allowances	⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 1920 Swiss Francs ⇒ Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL) ⇒ Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-EU or EFTA grantees only) ⇒ A lump sum for air fare for non-European grantees only (provided at the end of the scholarship) ⇒ Special 300 Swiss Francs lodging allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship) ⇒ 1 year half-fare public transportation card ⇒ Counseling and various trips, dinners and sight seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Scholarship holders

Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions

- ⇒ Master degree or equivalent University degree recognized by the Swiss University
- ⇒ The applicant must not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application
- ⇒ Applicants who are in Switzerland for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship are not eligible
- ⇒ Applicants must provide a letter (e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD
In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school applicants must provide an admission letter or the proof that they are being considered for admission
- ⇒ Applicants must apply for the scholarship as well as to the chosen Swiss University. The 2 procedures are separate ones.
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the PhD studies
- ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship

Application Procedure

- ⇒ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Tunisia.
- ⇒ The deadline for the submission of applications is 18.10.2013
- ⇒ Applications have to be submitted in 3 copies (hard copies only)

Application Time Framework

- ⇒ Opening of the call: 15.08.2013
- ⇒ Application Deadline: 18.10.2013
- ⇒ Selection Interview, ask: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 16.09.2014

Application documents

(Please provide 3 sets of copies on A4 paper. Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic sheets or binders).

- ⇒ The FCS 2014-2015 official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 2 letters of recommendation from Professors in the applicants field (use exclusively the official reference form provided with the application package)
- ⇒ 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 PhD studies. In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school, a copy of the PhD admission letter or a least a proof that the candidate is being considered for admission
- ⇒ A health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package)
- ⇒ A copy of the passport (main page with personal data)

**Contact institution
for the application**



Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address:

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