



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year: 2014-2015

Country: Tunisia

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	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
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
Universities of applied Sciences	⇒	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	⇒	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)
Target Group	⇒	Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from all academic fields
Duration	⇒	12 months (renewable maximum 6 months)
Amount and additional	⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 3500 Swiss Francs ⇒ Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL)

allowances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ PhD degree ⇒ There cannot be a gap of more than 5 years between the award of the PhD and the application deadline ⇒ 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 postdoctoral research ⇒ 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 Postdoctoral Research ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship
Application Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Tunis. ⇒ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 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).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The FCS 2014-2015 official application form (typed and printed). <u>No handwritten forms will be accepted</u> ⇒ 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 (<u>use exclusively</u> the official reference form provided with the application package) ⇒ A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), <u>use exclusively</u> 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 (<u>use exclusively</u> 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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