



## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

### Research Scholarships

**Academic year: 2014-2015**

**Country: Tunisia**

<b>Scholarship</b>	⇒ Swiss Government Excellence Research Scholarships for foreign students
<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 Research in the realm of their PhD or their Medical specialization 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> / <a href="#">Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</a>
<b>Teaching and Research Institutes</b>	⇒ <a href="#">Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</a> / <a href="#">Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP)</a> / <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 Research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed Research (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country)
<b>Target Group</b>	⇒ Highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields as well as young Medical Doctors
<b>Duration</b>	⇒ 12 months maximum (non renewable)
<b>Amount and additional allowances</b>	⇒ 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 (provided at the end of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ the scholarship)</li> <li>⇒ Special 300 Swiss Francs lodging 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 Scholarship holders</li> </ul>
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<b>Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Master degree or equivalent University degree</li> <li>⇒ The applicant must not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application</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 Research</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 Research</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship</li> </ul>
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<b>Application Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Tunis.</li> <li>⇒ The deadline for the submission of applications is 18.10.2013</li> <li>⇒ Applications have to be submitted in 3 copies (hard copies only)</li> </ul>
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<b>Application Time Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Opening of the call: 15.08.2013</li> <li>⇒ Application Deadline: 18.10.2013</li> <li>⇒ Selection Interview, ask: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research</li> <li>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 16.09.2014</li> </ul>
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<b>Application documents</b> (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 2014-2015 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> <li>⇒ A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), <u>use exclusively</u> the official research proposal form provided with the application package</li> <li>⇒ A motivation letter (max. 2 pages)</li> <li>⇒ A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications</li> <li>⇒ A copy of the confirmation from a Professor at the intended Swiss University that he/she is willing to supervise the Research.</li> <li>⇒ A health certificate (<u>use exclusively</u> the official health certificate provided with the application package)</li> <li>⇒ A copy of the passport (main page with personal data)</li> </ul>
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**Contact institution  
for the application**



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

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