

Swiss Confederation

State Secretariat for Education and Research SER Federal Commission for scholarships for foreign students FCS

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

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Academic year: 2013-2014		
Country:	Republic of Korea (South Korea)	
Scholarship	⇒ Swiss Government Excellence Master Scholarships for foreign students	
Offered by		
Objectives	To enable selected applicants to undertake Master studies 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		
Teaching and Research Institutes	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP)	
Validity	The Scholarship is only valid for a full time Master studies in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed programs (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country)	
Target Group	Highly qualified students from all academic. Master scholarships are only offered to citizens of the following countries with which Switzerland has a direct reciprocity agreement: Czech Republic , Japan , Jsrael , Mexico , Slovakia , South Korea	
Duration	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	
Amount and additional allowances	 ⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 1920 Swiss Francs (tax free net amount) ⇒ Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL) ⇒ Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-European 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) 	

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⇒ 1 year half-fare public transportation card

Counseling and various trips, dinners and sigh seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Scholarship holders

Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions

- First class Bachelor degree or equivalent University degree
- The candidate should not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application
- Applicants should be residing in their home country at the moment of the application. Applicants who are in Switzerland since more than 1 year are not eligible
- Candidates already embarked in a Master program in a Swiss University are not eligible for a scholarship
- Applicants must apply to the chosen Swiss University as well as for the scholarship. The 2 procedures are separate and must be simultaneously undertaken.
- Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the Master program (Language Certificate is required)

Application Procedure

- The application package can be obtained from the Swiss Embassy in Seoul.
- ⇒ The deadline for the submission of applications is 30.01.2013
- ⇒ Applications have to be returned in 3 copies

Application Time Framework

⇒ Opening of the call: 15.09.2012
 ⇒ Application Deadline: 30.01.2013
 ⇒ Selection Interview, ask: Swiss Embassy
 ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 20.09.2013

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 2013-2014 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 (<u>use exclusively</u> the official reference form provided with the application package)
- A 2 page personal statement emphasizing the reason 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
- ⇒ A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications
- A health certificate (use 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:

Swiss Embassy in Seoul

32-10, Songwol-dong, Jongno-gu, 110-101 Seoul

E-mail: seo.swissemb@eda.admin.ch

Tel: 0082 2 739 9511 Fax: 0082 2 737 9392 Web: www.admin.ch/seoul

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