



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year: 2013-2014

Country: Republic of Korea (South Korea)

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)
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 allowances	⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 3500 Swiss Francs (tax free net amount) ⇒ 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	⇒	First class Doctoral degree
	⇒	There cannot be a gap of more than 5 years between the award of the PhD and the application deadline
	⇒	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
	⇒	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
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 <u>A4 paper</u> . 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). <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 (approx. 15 pages), including a work schedule as well an overview of the research work conducted until now that could be relevant for the granting of the fellowship
	⇒	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 (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:

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