



## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

# Postdoctoral Scholarships

**Academic year:** 2018-2019  
**Country:** Korea, South (Republic of Korea)

**Opening of the call:** 01 September 2017  
**Submission deadline:** 30 November 2017

<b>Scholarship</b>	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers
<b>Offered by</b>	⇒	The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
<b>Objectives</b>	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake a postdoctoral research at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology, the public teaching and research institutes or 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="#">Università della Svizzera italiana</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> <a href="#">Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)</a>
<b>Teaching and Research Institutes</b>	⇒	<a href="#">Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</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 full-time postdoctoral research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country; no funding for field work).
<b>Target group</b>	⇒	Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields. No funding for sabbaticals.

<b>Duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ 12 months (starting in September) no extension possible.</li> <li>Grant applications for stays lasting less than 9 months will not be treated as a priority. Grant applications for stays lasting less than 6 months will be rejected.</li> </ul>
<b>Amount and additional allowances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 3'500.</li> <li>⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: mandatory Swiss health insurance is paid by the FCS.</li> <li>⇒ There are no family allowances.</li> <li>⇒ Scholarship holders from outside continental Europe receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).</li> <li>⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).</li> <li>⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card.</li> <li>⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility criteria and specific conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ PhD degree achieved after 31st of December 2014 and before 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018 recognised by the Swiss university. As a proof the degree has to be submitted to the Federal Commission for Scholarships before the start of the scholarship.</li> <li>⇒ No funding for sabbaticals.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland for more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must provide a letter from a professor at the Swiss host institution stating that she/he is willing to support and supervise the postdoctoral research. Without such support, the application will be rejected.</li> <li>⇒ Not accepted as academic supervisors for Post-doctoral scholarship applicants are their former PhD mentors and their co-directors for the co-tutelle PhD if the academic supervisor is at a Swiss university.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe. This is the centrepiece 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 postdoctoral research.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.</li> <li>⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.</li> </ul>
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.</li> <li>⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness.</li> <li>⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.</li> </ul>
<b>Application timeframe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Opening of the call: 01 September 2017</li> <li>⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2017</li> <li>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 01 September 2018</li> </ul>

## Application procedure

- ⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Swiss Embassy in Republic of Korea (South Korea) (see below).

## Application documents

- ⇒ Please submit 3 sets (=1 original + 2 copies) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1<sup>st</sup> set contains the original, **signed** documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and if applicable the attested translations. The other two sets are the copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1<sup>st</sup> set).
- 1) **Signed FCS application form** (typed and printed) with photo.
  - 2) A full CV with list of academic publications.
  - 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).
  - 4) A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages, **signed**), using exclusively the FCS research proposal form.
  - 5) A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the post-doctoral research.
  - 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form – originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1<sup>st</sup> set).
  - 7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations.
  - 8) **Signed** medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).
  - 9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports.
- ⇒ **Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders.**

## Contact institution for the application

- ⇒ Questions and application documents, should be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below\*:

- ⇒ Swiss Embassy in Republic of Korea (South Korea)  
20-16, Daesagwan-ro 11gil, Yongsan-gu, Seoul  
04401 Seoul

E-mail: seo.science@eda.admin.ch  
Tel: 0082 2 739 9511  
Web: <http://www.eda.admin.ch/seoul>

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