

Funding for researchers coming to Switzerland

SNSF Ambizione

For young researchers who would like to lead an independent research project. Candidates must have a doctorate and at least a 12 months postdoctoral experience in another university than the one where the doctorate was obtained. Application must be submitted not later than 5 years after the doctorate was awarded. The funding lasts a maximum of 3 years and covers the grantee's own salary, supportive staff, material of enduring value, consumable material, travel and conference expenses.

www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/ambizione/Pages/default.aspx

SNSF International Short Visits

The scheme International Short Visits is aimed at researchers in Switzerland who wish to go abroad for a short period or researchers abroad who wish to collaborate with researchers in Switzerland. Short visits may last from one week to three months. There are no geographical and topical restrictions. The grants include travel, room and board expenses. The visiting researcher must hold a doctorate.

www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/international-short-visits/Pages/default.aspx

European Research Council (ERC)

The ERC supports basic, interdisciplinary and exploratory research, following a bottom-up investigator-driven approach: 1) ERC Starting Grants (PhD, 2-7 years of experience), 2) ERC Consolidator Grants (PhD, 7-12 years of experience), 3) ERC Advanced Investigator Grants, 4) ERC Synergy Grants and, 5) ERC Proof of Concept Grants (PoC). The objective of the ERC PoC Grants is to establish the innovation potential of ERC-funded ideas (technical validation, market research, IPR, etc.) within on-going projects for up to 1 year and 150'000 euros.

erc.europa.eu/funding-and-grants

Marie Curie Fellowships

Marie Curie individual fellowships support the mobility of young researchers (PhD, postdoctoral). Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) and Incoming International Fellowships (IIF) cover full salaries and additional research costs over 2-3 years for researchers coming to Switzerland. For researchers who are offered a stable position in Switzerland, the Career Integration Grants (CIG) offer a flat-rate contribution to the salary, equipment and other costs over a period of 2 to 4 years.

ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions

systemsx.ch – Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships in Systems Biology

SystemsX.ch is a Swiss Initiative that aims at gathering scientific competences on a national level to establish Switzerland at the forefront of Systems Biology research. It finances 1) PhD positions for students pursuing research projects that integrate at least two disciplines relevant to Systems Biology (Interdisciplinary PhD Projects) for 4 years maximum 2) Transition Postdoc Fellowships for scientists who terminated their doctoral thesis not more than 5 years ago; the applicant formulates her/his own interdisciplinary research project as a principal investigator for 2 years with the option of a third year. "Transitional" means that the candidate switches from his or her original discipline to a new, complementary field. The interdisciplinary research project must contain substantial quantitative and modeling/simulation parts.

www.systemsx.ch

FCS – Postgraduate Scholarships for foreign scholars and researchers

The Swiss Government, through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS), awards postgraduate scholarships to foreign scholars and researchers. These Scholarships provide graduates from all fields with the opportunity to pursue doctoral or postdoctoral research in Switzerland in a state funded university. The applicant must originate from an eligible country. Applicants should be residing in their home country at the time of submission. Applicants who have been in Switzerland for more than 1 year are not eligible. The maximum age is 35 years.

www.sbf.admin.ch/themen/01366/01380/02175/index.html?lang=en

AXA Research Fund – Postdoctoral Fellowships

For postdoctoral researchers whose project will be in the area of risk, from environmental risks through life risks to socio-economic risks. The funding is 120'000 Euros for 2 years. This is a highly competitive scheme with a three-steps selection process. The first step in the selection is done by the faculty, the second step by the institution, and the third step by the AXA Research Fund. The AXA Research Fund limits the number of applications that can come from one institution (from 0 to 2 applications per call).

www.axa-research.org

Society in Science – The Branco Weiss Fellowship

Society in Science – The Branco Weiss Fellowship is a unique postdoc program. It awards young researchers around the world with a generous personal research grant, giving them the freedom to work on whatever topic they choose anywhere in the world, for up to five years. This research fellowship is designed to support postdoctoral researchers after their PhD and before their first faculty appointment. Those in current postdoctoral positions are also eligible. Ideally, fellows pursue unconventional projects in new areas of science, engineering and social sciences. The Society in Science Fellowship program was initiated and financed by the Swiss entrepreneur Dr. Branco Weiss, who passed away in October 2010. The program belongs to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH).

www.society-in-science.org

ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships (ETH Fellows)

The "ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowship Program" supports incoming fellowships for postdoctoral researchers at the ETH Zurich. The program is intended to foster high-potential, young researchers who have already demonstrated excellence in terms of internationally competitive achievements in the early stages of their professional careers. Applications have to be made jointly by the candidate and their host who must be an ETH Zurich Professor and who will act as a mentor of the fellow. The duration of an ETH Fellowship is two years and cannot be prolonged. Given the limited number of Fellowships available in a given year, it is clear that being designated an ETH Fellow is an honor and the result of a highly competitive process. It is assumed that ETH Fellows are primarily interested in following an academic career.

www.ethz.ch/en/research/research-promotion/eth-internal-programmes/eth-fellowships.html

Funding only for researchers with Swiss background

SNSF Marie Heim-Vögtlin (MHV) Programme, Woman only

For doctoral and postdoctoral candidates whose scientific career was delayed or interrupted due to family obligations (children) or a change of residence as a result of their partner's career development. The host institution must give an assurance regarding the possibility of further employment after the expiring date of the grant. The funding covers the grantee's salary, child care costs, research costs and congress expenses. The grant lasts a maximum of 2 years (in well-founded cases: a maximum one year extension).

www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/mhv-grants/Pages/default.aspx

SNSF Professorships

For junior researchers who wish to build their own team to conduct an independent research project. The applicant must have 2 to 9 years of postdoctoral research experience including several years of research activities in other institutions than the one where the candidate obtained the doctorate (at least one year abroad). A Swiss university degree or at least 2 years of activity in a Swiss university is required. The funding lasts 4 years and may be extended up to 2 years. It covers the salary of the applicant (assistant professor level), a contribution to research costs (including collaborators) and a contribution to infrastructure costs.

www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/snsf-professorships/Pages/default.aspx