



नेपाल सरकार

सङ्घीय मामिला तथा सामान्य प्रशासन मन्त्रालय
(जनशक्ति योजना तथा विकास शाखा)

सूचना नं:



पत्र संख्या: ज.यो.त.वि.शा. २०७७/२०७८

चलानी संख्या:

मिति: २०७७/६/१८

विषय : PhD/Post Doctoral/Research Fellowship Scholarships छात्रवृत्तिका लागि निवेदन आव्हान ।

निजामती सेवा ऐन, २०४९ दफा ४० ख (३) बमोजिम गठित समितिको मिति २०७७/०५/३० गते बसेको ३३५ औं बैठकको निर्णयले स्वीट्जरल्यान्ड सरकारद्वारा नेपाल सरकारका निजामती कर्मचारी (रा.प श्रेणीका अधिकृत वा सो सरह) लाई सबै निकायले योग्यता पुगेका निजामती कर्मचारी मनोनयन गर्ने निर्णय गरेको हुँदा यस मन्त्रालय, मातहत निकाय र स्थानीय तहमा कार्यरत (यस मन्त्रालयले संचालन गर्ने सेवा तर्फका निजामती कर्मचारीमात्र), देहायका योग्यता पुगेका रा.प तृतीय श्रेणी/सातौं तह वा सो तह भन्दा माथिका ईच्छुक अधिकृत कर्मचारीहरूलाई छात्रवृत्तिमा प्रतिष्पर्धाका लागि आवेदन दिन/Apply गर्न तपशीलको विवरण खुलाई, अद्यावधिक व्यक्तिगत विवरण (PIS) सहित मिति ८ मंसिर, २०७७ (तदनुसार २३ नोभेम्बर, २०२०) भित्र यस शाखामा आईपुग्ने गरी निवेदन दिनहुन वा यस शाखाको ईमेल ठेगाना: hrd.section@mofaga.gov.np मा ईमेल गर्नुहुन अनुरोध छ ।

देहाय:

- Should have Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved before 31 July, 2021 recognized by swiss university.
- Applicant must have a research proposal including a timeframe.
- Should have Command in English Language.

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पत्र संख्या: ज.यो.त.वि.शा. २०७७/२०७८

चलानी संख्या:

तपशील

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बोधार्थः

श्री सूचना तथा प्रविधि शाखा, सं.मा.त.सा.प्र.मन्त्रालय : वेबसाइटमा अपलोड गरिदिन हुन ।

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नेपाल सरकार

परराष्ट्र मन्त्रालय

काठमाडौं, नेपाल
(युरोप अमेरिका महाशाखा)



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०६ सेप्टेम्बर २०२०

संख्या: १३६४
दिनांक: २०७६/०५/२१

श्री शिक्षा, विज्ञान तथा प्रविधि मन्त्रालय
सिंहदरबार, काठमाडौं।

श्री संघीय मामिला तथा सामान्य प्रशासन मन्त्रालय
सिंहदरबार, काठमाडौं।

विषय: स्वीस छात्रवृत्ति सम्बन्धमा।

प्रस्तुत विषयमा स्वीस सरकारले प्रदान गर्ने Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars विषयक छात्रवृत्तिको शैक्षिक सत्र २०२१-२०२२ को लागि मिति २०२० अगष्ट १० देखि आवेदन खुलेको जानकारी गराउँदै स्थानीय स्वीस राजदूतावासले लेखेको मिति २ सेप्टेम्बर २०२० को नं. 115/2020 को नोट र सोसाथ प्राप्त Information Sheet(पाना ६) यसैसाथ संलग्न गरी तहाँको जानकारी तथा आवश्यक कारवाहीको लागि पठाइको व्यहोरा निर्देशानुसार अनुरोध छ।

श्री ज्ञानमूर्ति विकास शाखा

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Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal

Note no. 115 / 2020

The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal and has the honour to inform that the **Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars for the Academic Year 2021-22** is open since **10 August 2020** and will be coordinated through the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal for eligible Nepalese citizens.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal requests the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal to provide the information on the opening of the call for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Nepalese citizens to the Ministry of Education for listing on the notice of Scholarships and to other related offices of the Government of Nepal. Information sheets with details on the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for the Academic Year 2021-22 is herewith enclosed.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal the assurance of its highest consideration.

Kathmandu, 02 September 2020

Europe America Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Government of Nepal
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu



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Notes concerning corona-virus pandemic

Corona-virus pandemic The uncertainty surrounding the further development of the corona pandemic remains high.

Call for Scholarships The call for scholarships of the Swiss Confederation for the academic year 2021/22 is addressed to all countries regardless of the current corona pandemic situation.

Reservations Scholarships 2021/2022 will be awarded subject to the rules in force at the start of the scholarship on 1 September 2021.

Whether or not a scholarship awarded in the future can actually be taken up depends, on the one hand, on the applicable rules of the countries of origin and the Swiss Confederation and, on the other hand, on various other conditions (such as health situation, visa procedures, opening of borders, university operation, etc.).

The situation is constantly being reassessed. It is not possible to give more precise details for the time being. Current information on the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships can be found on: https://www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng as well as on Twitter [@Swiss_FCS](https://twitter.com/Swiss_FCS)

Situation in Switzerland Please refer to the following webpage, which is continuously updated: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>

Berne, July 15, 2020



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Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
Education and Research EAER

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Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

PhD Scholarships

Academic year: 2021-2022
Country: Nepal
Opening of the call: 10 August 2020
Submission deadline: 30 November 2020

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| Scholarship | ⇒ Swiss Government Excellence PhD Scholarships for foreign students |
| Offered by | ⇒ The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS |
| Objectives | ⇒ To enable selected applicants to undertake a PhD at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology or the Graduate Institute. |
| Universities | ⇒ <u>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 / Università della Svizzera italiana</u> |
| Federal institutes of technology | ⇒ <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</u> <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</u> <u>Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)</u> ⇒ <u>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</u> |
| Validity | ⇒ The scholarship is valid only for full-time PhD studies in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed PhD programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). ⇒ "Cotutelle de these": PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalized agreement between two universities ("cotutelle de thèse" cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only. |
| Target group | ⇒ Highly qualified postgraduate students (possessing the required degrees) from all academic fields. |
| Duration | ⇒ 12 months (starting in September) prolongable up to 36 months based on the achieved academic results. |

Amount and additional allowances

- ⇨ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1'920.
- ⇨ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance.
- ⇨ There are no family allowances.
- ⇨ No financial support for fieldwork or for conferences.
- ⇨ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).
- ⇨ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
- ⇨ One-year half-fare public transportation card.
- ⇨ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.

Eligibility criteria and specific conditions

- ⇨ Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved **before 31 July 2021** (degree certificate) 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.
 - ⇨ Applicant's date of birth after **31 December 1985**.
 - ⇨ Applicants must provide a 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 PhD thesis. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected.
 - ⇨ If an assistant professor supports a candidature, a full professor who is entitled to supervise the PhD during the entire scholarship has to co-sign the support letter.
 - ⇨ 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.
 - ⇨ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the PhD studies/ research.
 - ⇨ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents.
 - ⇨ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship. Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.
- PLEASE NOTE:**
- ⇨ The FCS application for a PhD scholarship and the application for admission by a Swiss University for a PhD study are two separate procedures.
 - ⇨ The admission to a PhD study at your chosen Swiss University is a *conditio sine qua non* for a potential attribution of a FCS scholarship - but no guarantee though for a positive decision by the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS. It is the applicant's responsibility to manage both procedures in parallel.



- ⇄ There are two different ways to achieve a doctorate degree (aka PhD). The first way consists in undertaking **doctoral studies under the supervision of an academic mentor** (supervisor). In this case, the **admission to the PhD takes place after the scholarship start**.
- ⇄ The second way consists in **being admitted to a doctoral school**, which provides the framework for the following doctoral studies. Please inquire your admission directly at the corresponding school.
- ⇄ In addition to all other application documents (including the support letter from a supervisor), the **admission letter from the doctoral school is required with the application dossier**. As this takes, time applicants must plan accordingly and submit their application for admission to the doctoral school sufficiently in advance of the scholarship programme deadline.
- ⇄ If the chosen doctoral school does not allow you to contact a supervisor before being admitted to the school, the application for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship is not possible.

Selection criteria

- ⇄ The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:
- ⇄ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.
- ⇄ The research project: originality and methodological soundness.
- ⇄ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.

Application timeframe

- ⇄ Opening of the call: 10 August 2020
- ⇄ Application deadline: 30 November 2020
- ⇄ Beginning of the scholarship: 01 September 2021

Application procedure

- ⇄ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu.

Application documents

- ⇄ Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1st set contains the original, **signed** documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1st set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.
- 1) **Signed FCS application form** (typed and printed) with photo.
- 2) A full CV with list of academic publications, awards etc.
- 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 PhD thesis.
Applicants for doctoral schools (doctoral programmes):
In addition to all other application documents (including the support letter from a supervisor), the admission letter from the doctoral school is required with the application dossiers.
- 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 1st set). No copies for 2nd 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 in English. Do not submit the original certificates.
- 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. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

⇒ **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*:

⇒ Embassy of Switzerland
P.O. Box no 113
Kathmandu
Nepal

E-mail: kat.Scholarships@eda.admin.ch
Tel: 00977 1 554 9225
Web: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/kathmandu>

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Duration

months

Starting

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Research

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year: 2021-2022
Country: Nepal

Opening of the call: 10 August 2020
Submission deadline: 30 November 2020

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| Scholarship | ⇒ Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers |
| Offered by | ⇒ The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS |
| Objectives | ⇒ 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. |
| Universities | ⇒ <u>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 / Università della Svizzera italiana</u> |
| Federal Institutes of Technology | ⇒ <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</u> <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</u> <u>Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI, WSL, EMPA, EAWAG)</u> |
| Universities of applied Sciences | ⇒ <u>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</u> <u>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</u> |
| Teaching and Research Institutes | ⇒ <u>Universities of teacher education</u> |
| Validity | ⇒ The Scholarship is valid only for full-time postdoctoral research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). This scholarship is not compatible with fieldtrips outside Switzerland . Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork. |

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| Target group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields. No funding for sabbaticals. |
| Duration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 12 months (starting in September); no prolongation possible. 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. |
| Amount and additional allowances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 3'500. ⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance. ⇒ There are no family allowances. ⇒ No financial support for conferences. ⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship). ⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship). ⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card. ⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders. |
| Eligibility criteria and specific conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ PhD degree achieved after 31 December 2017 and before 31 July 2021 (PhD degree certificate) 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. ⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents. ⇒ Applicants must provide a 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 postdoctoral research. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected. ⇒ Not accepted as academic supervisors for postdoctoral scholarship applicants are their former PhD mentors and their co-directors for the cotutelle PhD if the academic supervisor is at a Swiss university. ⇒ 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. ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the postdoctoral research. ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship. ⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period. |
| Selection criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered: ⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation. ⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness. ⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation. |

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| Application timeframe | <p>⇒ Opening of the call: 10 August 2020</p> <p>⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2020</p> <p>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 01 September 2021</p> |
| Application procedure | <p>⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu (see below).</p> |
| Application documents | <p>⇒ Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1st set contains the original, signed documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1st set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Signed FCS application form (typed and printed) with photo. 2) A full CV with list of academic publications, awards etc. 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 postdoctoral 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 1st set). No copies for 2nd 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 in English. Do not submit the original certificates. 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. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland. <p>⇒ Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders.</p> |
| Contact institution for the application | <p>⇒ Questions and application documents, should be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below*:</p> <p>⇒ Embassy of Switzerland P.O. Box no 113 Kathmandu Nepal</p> <p>E-mail: kat.Scholarships@eda.admin.ch Tel: 00977 1 554 9225 Web: https://www.eda.admin.ch/kathmandu</p> <p>* -</p> |



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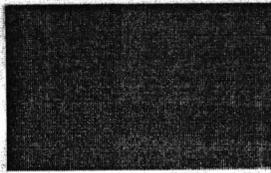
Research Fellowship

Academic year: 2021-2022
Country: Nepal

Opening of the call: 10 August 2020
Submission deadline: 30 November 2020

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| Scholarship | ⇒ Swiss Government Excellence Research Scholarships for foreign students |
| Offered by | ⇒ The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS |
| Objectives | ⇒ To enable selected applicants to undertake research in the realm of their PhD or medical specialisation 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. |
| Universities | ⇒ <u>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 / Università della Svizzera italiana</u> |
| Federal institutes of technology | ⇒ <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</u> <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</u> <u>Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI, WSL, EMPA, EAWAG)</u> |
| Teaching and research institutes | ⇒ <u>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</u> |
| Universities of applied sciences | ⇒ <u>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</u> |
| Universities of teacher education | ⇒ <u>Universities of teacher education</u> |
| Validity | ⇒ The Scholarship is valid only for full-time research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). This scholarship is not compatible with fieldtrips outside Switzerland . Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork. Furthermore, this scholarship type is not available for scholars holding a PhD degree. |

Selection
Criteria



⇒ PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalised agreement between two universities ("cotutelle de thèse" cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only.

Target group

⇒ Highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields as well as young medical doctors.

Duration

⇒ 12 months maximum (starting in September); no prolongation possible. The research fellowship cannot be upgraded into a prolongable PhD scholarship.
⇒ 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.

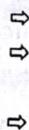
Amount and additional allowances

⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1,920.
⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance.
⇒ There are no family allowances.
⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).
⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card.
⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.

Eligibility criteria and specific conditions

⇒ Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved **before 31 July 2021** (degree certificate) 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.
⇒ Applicants must be born after **31 December 1985**.
⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents.
⇒ Applicants must provide a 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 research. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected.
⇒ 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.
⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the research/studies.
⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.
⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.

Selection criteria



The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:
The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.
The research project: originality and methodological soundness.
The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.

Application timeframe



Opening of the call: 10 August 2020
Application deadline: 30 November 2020
Beginning of the scholarship: 01 September 2021

Application procedure



The application package can be obtained by email from the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu (see below).

Application documents



Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1st set contains the original, **signed** documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1st set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1st set). No copies for 2nd set.

1)

Signed FCS application form (typed and printed) with photo.

2)

A full CV with list of academic publications, awards, etc.

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 research.

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For research fellowships in addition:

A short CV of the academic mentor at the home institution.

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 1st set). No copies for 2nd 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 in English. Do not submit the original certificates.

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. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.

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Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders.

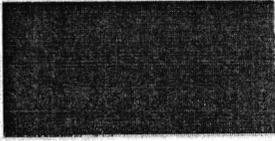
Contact institution for the application

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

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P.O. Box no 113
Kathmandu
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E-mail: kat.Scholarships@eda.admin.ch
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