

PhD scholarship

Abbreviated summary.

For full details, please refer to the [Guidelines for Scholarship Applicants](#)

Objectives

- To enable selected applicants to undertake their postgraduate PhD research at one of the Swiss public universities, the Swiss federal institutes of technology, the Graduate Institute, the universities of applied sciences or the public teaching and research institutes.
- Valid for full-time research in Switzerland only.

Target Group

- Highly qualified postgraduate students (possessing the required degrees to start a PhD).
- Primarily for scholars who have not already been to Switzerland.

Eligibility Criteria

- Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved before 31 July 2025 (except: ETH Zurich: 30 June 2025). Degree certificate completed.
- Applicants must be born after 31 December 1989.
- A research proposal including a timeframe.
- Mandatory letter from an academic host professor (including their short CV).

Duration

- Scholarship starts for the academic year 2025-26: 1 September 2025.
- 12 months (starting in September).
- Prolongable up to 36 months. The scholarship is awarded in three steps of 12 months each based on the achieved academic results.

Amount

- The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1'920.-
- This scholarship is not a salary.
- The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only.

Selection Criteria

- 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.

Contact for further questions

- See the contact address for your [country of origin](#) - this is the country according your passport.
- Check the available scholarship types for your country of origin.
- Check the opening of the call and the submission deadline. Applications submitted too late will not be considered.

To Apply

- Download the [application package](#) (application forms and templates).
- Fill out and print.

To Submit

- [Note: Two paper copies of your application must be submitted.](#)
- [Click HERE](#) for the e-mail contact that will give you the postal address of your country of origin.