



## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

# Arts Scholarships

**Academic year:** 2022-2023  
**Country:** Italy

**Opening of the call:** 01 October 2021  
**Submission deadline:** 23 November 2021

<b>Scholarship</b>	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Arts Scholarships for foreign students
<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 initial Master's studies at conservatories or art schools affiliated with universities of applied sciences.
<b>Universities of applied sciences</b>	⇒	<a href="#">University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland</a> / <a href="#">Bern University of the Arts</a> / <a href="#">University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern 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="#">Conservatorio della Svizzera italiana</a> / <a href="#">Zurich University of the Arts</a>
<b>Validity</b>	⇒	The Scholarship is only valid to pursue the initial master's degree. The arts scholarships are granted at one of the above-mentioned universities of applied sciences in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country).
<b>Target group</b>	⇒	Highly qualified young artists - from all artistic fields - wishing to pursue an initial master's degree. These scholarships are only offered to citizens of countries with which Switzerland has reciprocity agreements for art scholarships.
<b>Duration</b>	⇒	12 months (starting in September), prolongable up to 21 months at most depending on the Master programme chosen and the necessary ECTS credits.
<b>Amount and additional allowances</b>	⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1'920. There are no family allowances. For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance. 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.

<b>Eligibility criteria and specific conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Bachelor's degree or equivalent. Only valid to pursue an initial master course. Applicants for arts and music cannot apply for a second master's degree. Applicants holding a master's degree already are not eligible.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants must be born after <b>31 December 1986</b>.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants should start their scholarship no later than three years after graduating with their Bachelor's degree.</li> <li>⇒ 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 be in command of the necessary language skills required for the Master's programme.</li> <li>⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.</li> <li>⇒ The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only.</li> <li>⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.</li> </ul> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The application for a FCS Arts Scholarship and the application for admission by your chosen Swiss conservatory or art school (university of applied sciences) are two separate procedures.</li> <li>⇒ FCS applicants have to document that an institution has accepted them or that they are being considered for admission. This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements.</li> <li>⇒ Without such a document, the application will be rejected.</li> </ul>
<b>Application timeframe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Opening of the call: 01 October 2021</li> <li>⇒ Application deadline: 23 November 2021</li> <li>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: <b>01 September 2022</b></li> </ul>
<b>Application procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Embassy of Switzerland in Roma (see below).</li> </ul>
<b>Application documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1<sup>st</sup> set contains the original, <b>signed</b> documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1<sup>st</sup> set), no copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.</li> <li>1) <b>Signed FCS application form</b> (typed and printed) with photo.</li> <li>2) A full CV with list of exhibitions, concerts, awards etc.</li> <li>3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages specifying your reasons to study in Switzerland, the importance of the choice for your future career as well as your professional projects at the end of the scholarship).</li> <li>⇒ The applicants for arts scholarships do not have to submit a research proposal.</li> <li>⇒ The required application elements:</li> <li>4a) <b>For musicians:</b> High-quality file of three different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors (USB memory stick or CD/DVD labelled with name, surname and country; link or QR-Code). Composers have to submit their scores.</li> </ul>

- 4b) **For painters, graphic artists and sculptors:**  
Copies or photos of three pieces of their work, along with rough drafts (incl. their dates of creation; work labelled with name, surname and country).
- 4c) **For other artists (e.g. dancers, actors, authors):**  
Pieces of their art (USB memory stick or CD/DVD labelled with name, surname and country; link or QR-Code).
- 5) A proof for “admission is under consideration” at the intended Swiss arts or music school (conservatory). This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements.  
If applicable, a copy of the letter from a professor confirming the supervision of the studies.
- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant’s field (use only the FCS reference form – originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1<sup>st</sup> set). No copies for 2<sup>nd</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 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 or binders nor use paper clips or stapler.**

**Contact  
institution for  
the  
application**

- ⇒ Questions and application documents should to be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below\*:
- ⇒ Embassy of Switzerland in Roma  
Via Barnaba Oriani 61  
00197 Roma  
Italy
- E-mail: roma.borsedistudio@eda.admin.ch  
Tel: 0039 06 809 57 330  
Please contact only on Mondays from 14.30 to 17.30 and Thursdays from 11.00 to 13.00.  
Web: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/roma;>  
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/italy/it/home/dienstleistungen/stipendien.html>
- \* PLEASE NOTE:  
Applications are only accepted by letter post. No electronic submissions. The submission deadline is the date when your application documents have to be at the Swiss Embassy.