Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

PhD Scholarships

Academic year: 2015-2016  
Country: Macedonia

Opening of the Call: 01.08.2014  
Submission Deadline: 15.11.2014

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<td>Offered by</td>
<td>The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS</td>
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<td>Objectives</td>
<td>To enable selected applicants to undertake a PhD in one of the 10 Swiss Public Universities, the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology and public teaching and research institutes.</td>
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| Federal Institutes of Technology | Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ) |
| Teaching and Research Institutes | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)  
Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP)  
Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch |
| Validity    | The scholarship is only valid for full time PhD studies in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed PhD programs (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country). |
| Target Group| Highly qualified post graduate students (in possession of the required degrees) from all academic fields. |
| Duration    | 3 years maximum |
| Amount and additional allowances | The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 1’920 Swiss Francs.  
Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL).  
Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-EU and EFTA grantees only).  
A lump sum for air fare for non-European grantees only (provided at the end of the scholarship). |
Special 300 Swiss Francs housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
1 year half-fare public transportation card.
Counseling and various trips, dinners and sight-seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.

Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions

- Master degree or equivalent University degree recognized by the Swiss University.
- The applicant must not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application.
- Applicants who are in Switzerland for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship are not eligible.
- Applicants must provide a letter (e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD. In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school applicants must provide included in their application an admission letter or the proof that they are being considered for admission. Without such a document the application will be rejected.
- Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe (this is the central piece 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.
- Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.

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 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.

Selection Criteria

The following dimensions and selection criteria are considered mainly:
- The candidate: Her/his academic profile and research capacity.
- The research project: It’s originality and methodological soundness.
- The academic context: The quality of supervision and the potential for future academic cooperation.

Application Procedure

- The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Swiss Embassy in Skopje.
- The deadline for the submission of applications is 15.11.2014
- Applications have to be submitted in 3 copies (hard copies only).

Application Time Framework

- Opening of the call: 01.08.2014
- Application Deadline: 15.11.2014
- Selection Interview, ask: Swiss Embassy
- Beginning of the scholarship: 14.09.2015

Application documents (Please provide 3 sets)

- The FCS 2015-2016 official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted.
- Copies of all university certificates and grade-sheets (all copies must be
of copies on A4 paper. Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic sheets or binders).

attested, and translated if originals are not in English, German, French or Italian. Attestations can be done by the University or a Government Officer.

2 letters of recommendation from Professors in the applicants field (use exclusively the official reference form provided with the application package).

A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), use exclusively the official research proposal form provided with the application package.

A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).

A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications.

A copy of the confirmation from a Professor at the intended Swiss University that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD studies. In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school, a copy of the PhD admission letter or a least a proof that the candidate is being considered for admission. Without such a document the application will be rejected.

A health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package).

A copy of the passport (main page with personal data).

Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address:
Swiss Embassy in Skopje
Maksim Gorki 19, 1000 Skopje

E-mail: sko.vertretung@eda.admin.ch
Tel: 00389 2 310 33 00
Web: www.eda.admin.ch/skopje

The FCS 2015-2016 official application form with photo
CV with list of publications
Motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
A copy of the confirmation from a professor at the intended Swiss university stating that she/he will supervise the research
2 letters of recommendation from professors (use the FCS form only)
A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages) using exclusively the official FCS research proposal form provided with the application package
Photocopies of certificates from previously attended university/colleges and diplomas with grades
Medical certificate (use solely the official FCS form)
Copy of passport