



Postdoctoral Scholarship (12 months without prolongation)

1. Prerequisites

- PhD degree
- Within 3 years after receiving your PhD
- Letter of commitment (email accepted) by a Professor of the host institution to supervise the postdoctoral research
- Profound research proposal with time-frame
- Applicants living in Switzerland for more than a year at the beginning of the scholarship are not eligible to apply

NOTE: The scholarship is only valid for full-time research in Switzerland. It is **not valid** for mixed research (part-time in Switzerland and part-time in another country).

2. Scholarship Application

- Offers for a scholarship application are published each year in early August on the website of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation [SERI](#)
- The scholarship begins the following year on 1 September
- Application packages are available through [Swiss representations](#) worldwide
- Types of scholarships as well as application deadlines differ depending on the country. Detailed information, procedures and the address for submission can be found here:
 - [Countries A to L](#)
 - [Countries M to Z](#)

3. Selection and Assessment of a Scholarship

A preliminary selection will be conducted by national authorities and/or by the Swiss diplomatic representation. In a second step, professors from all Swiss public universities examine the applications for three criteria:

- The candidate's academic profile and research capacity
- Quality, originality and methodological soundness of the research project
- Synergies and potential for future research cooperation

The final selection and scholarship award by the Federal Commission for Scholarships takes place between April and May each year. 1 September marks the beginning of the scholarship year.

4. Finding Research Supervision

One of the preconditions for a successful scholarship application is a commitment by a professor to scientifically supervise your studies and project during your stay at UZH.

Finding a professor eligible and willing to act as scientific advisor as well as initiating the necessary contact lies within your personal responsibility. Administrative offices at UZH cannot be of assistance. Please browse the UZH website to find a professor whose field matches your project. (Please also see links to UZH faculties and UZH research below).



Please directly contact the professor with the following documents (all in PDF):

- CV
- Detailed study plan
- Letter of sound motivation
- Copies of certificates and diplomas
- FCS-flyer "Will you be my supervisor" (optional, but recommended)

Links

- UZH Faculties <http://www.uzh.ch/en/about/faculties.html>
- UZH Research <http://www.uzh.ch/en/research.html>