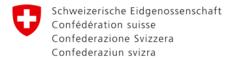
Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS



Swiss Confederation

#### **Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships**

## Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year: 2014-2015  Country: China		
Scholarship	⇨	Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers
Offered by	⇨	The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	₽	To enable selected applicants to undertake a Postdoctoral Research in one of the 10 Swiss Public Universities, the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, the public teaching and research institutes and the Universities of applied sciences
Universities	₽	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 / University of Lugano
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
Universities of applied Sciences	⇨	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
Validity		The Scholarship is only valid for a full time Postdoctoral Research in

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Target Group

Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from all academic fields

**Duration** 

12 months (renewable maximum 6 months)

**Amount and** additional

The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 3500 Swiss Francs Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL)

#### allowances

- Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-EU or 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 lodging allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship)
- ⇒ 1 year half-fare public transportation card
- Counseling and various trips, dinners and sigh seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Scholarship holders

# Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions

- ⇒ PhD degree
- There cannot be a gap of more than 5 years between the award of the PhD and the application deadline
- 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 postdoctoral research
- 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 Postdoctoral Research
- Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship

### Application Procedure

- The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the China Scholarship Council in Beijing.
- ⇒ Applications have to be submitted in 3 copies (hard copies only)

#### Application Time Framework

- ⇒ Opening of the call: 01/03/2013⇒ Application Deadline: 20/03/2013
- ⇒ | Selection Interview, ask: China Scholarship Council
- ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 16.09.2014

## **Application** documents

(Please provide 3 sets of copies on A4 paper. Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic sheets or binders).

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- The FCS 2014-2015 official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted
- Copies of all university certificates and grade-sheets (all copies must be 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 (<u>use exclusively</u> the official reference form provided with the application package)
- A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), <u>use exclusively</u> the official research proposal form provided with the application package
- ⇒ 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 Postdoctoral Research.
- A health certificate (<u>use exclusively</u> the official health certificate provided with the application package)
- ⇒ A copy of the passport (main page with personal data)

## Contact institution for the application

Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address:

China Scholarship Council in Beijing

No 9, Chegongzhuang Dajie, Wudong Building A3, 13 floor, 100044 Beijing

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Web: http://www.csc.edu.cn/require/