



# Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship



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# Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Students at Swiss Higher Education Institutions

Each year the Swiss Confederation awards **Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries** (including Australia, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu). The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are aimed at young researchers from abroad who have completed a master's degree or PhD.

## Types of Scholarships

- **Research Fellowship (12 months)**  
Intended for highly qualified postgraduate researcher from all academic fields
- **PhD Scholarship (12 months up to 36 months)**  
Intended for highly qualified PhD students from all academic fields
- **Post-doctoral Scholarship (12 months)**  
Intended for highly qualified post-doctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields

**The call for applications is open from 10 August 2020 to 30 November 2020.**

## Selection criteria

Applications for scholarships are assessed according to three criteria:

- a) Candidate profile
- b) Quality of the research project
- c) Synergies and potential for future research cooperation

Scholarship holders will be selected for the 2021–22 academic year by the end of May 2021.

**To find out more and to receive the application package**

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