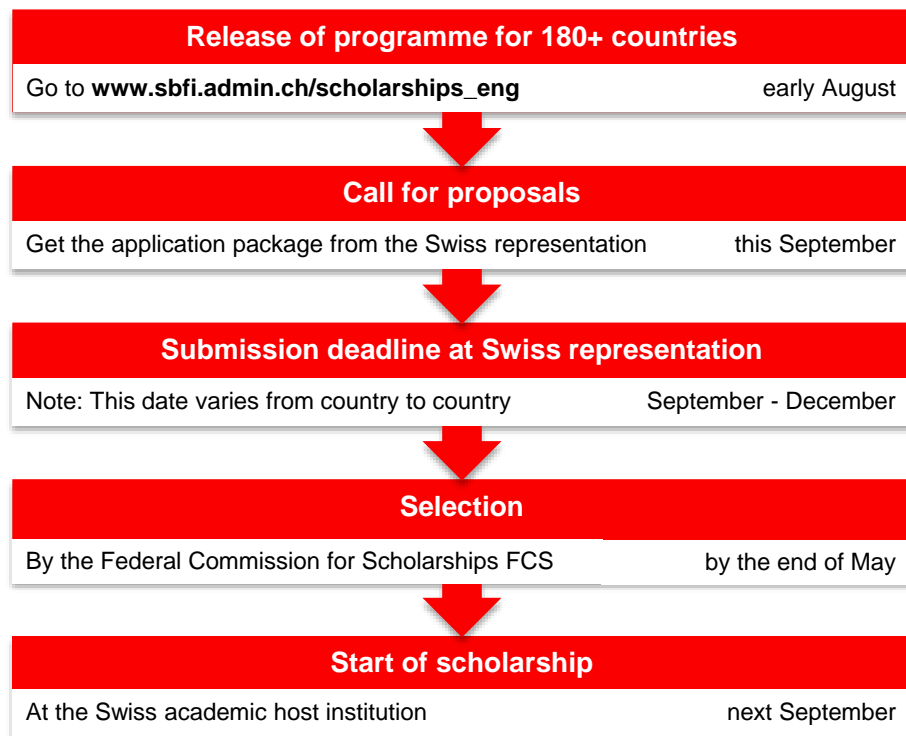


Application procedure



How to apply

The application package can be obtained from the Swiss representation in your country of origin. The relevant deadline and the exact address for submission can be found at: www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

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What FCS alumni say...

«Je voudrais à travers cet email vous dire "MERCI" de m'avoir permis de réaliser mon rêve: cette belle réussite au niveau social.»
Dr. Ayé Clarisse Hager-M'Boua, PhD Scholarship holder from Ivory Coast



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Available Postgraduate Scholarships

PhD Scholarship (12 months up to 36 months)

Intended for highly qualified PhD students from all academic fields.

- Master degree or equivalent
- Not older than 35 years old
- Letter (or e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that they are willing to supervise the PhD thesis
- Research proposal including time-frame

Postdoctoral Scholarships (12 months)

Intended for highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from all academic fields.

- PhD degree
- Not more than 5 years after the award of the PhD
- Letter (or e-mail) from a professor or an academic contact person from the Swiss host institution stating that they are willing to supervise the postdoctoral research
- Research proposal including time-frame

Research Scholarships (12 months)

Intended for highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields.

- Master degree or equivalent
- Not older than 35 years old
- Letter (or e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that they are willing to supervise the research
- Research proposal including time-frame

Only for a limited number of countries, see www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng

Fine Arts Scholarships (12 months up to 21 months)

Intended for highly qualified fine art students from all artistic branches for Master programs.

- BA degree or equivalent
- Not more than 35 years old
- Letter (or e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that they are willing to supervise the studies

Eligible Costs

- The scholarship amount depends on the scholarship:
PhD, Research and Fine Arts Scholarships: CHF 1920.-/ month
Postdoctoral Scholarship: CHF 3500.-/ month
- In addition:
- Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for Non-EU and Non-EFTA-citizen only)
- 1 year half-fare public transportation card
- A special CHF 300.- housing allowance
- Various trips, dinners and sight seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Scholarship holders

Selection Criteria

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

Exclusion Criteria

- Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for their research/ studies.
- Not eligible are the following applicants: those who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship; those who are enrolled for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship at Swiss higher education institutions or who are in Switzerland already for more than one year.

The Host Professors' role

- Each candidate must find an academic supervisor for their scholarship research project at one of the Swiss Universities or the Federal Institutes of Technology
- The Host Professors are asked to choose attentively their candidates and they must agree to supervise the candidate during the whole research stay.
- The supervisor will integrate the grantee in his/her team and provide good working and research conditions (lab space and access to infrastructure).

How to find a Host Professor in Switzerland

- Candidates submitting their applications within the framework of an already existing or planned cooperation between their academic home institution, and the Swiss university/ institute have a certain priority.
- In order to find a Host Professor as academic supervisor at a Swiss University the database: **www.proff.ch** may be helpful as a non-binding resource.
- Check before contacting (a) whether the professor who should supervise you works also in your field and (b) whether you have excellent skills required for this research cooperation. For example have a look at the requirements for earning a Master degree at the respective university.

What FCS alumni say...

«This is a very important opportunity for many students and young researchers from all across the globe to see a different style of doing what they are passionate in. In the meanwhile, it is a large step in our careers as it gives us a chance to gain new contacts and set up collaborations with new colleagues we find here in Switzerland.»

Dr. Denis Svechkarev, Postdoc Scholarship holder from Ukraine