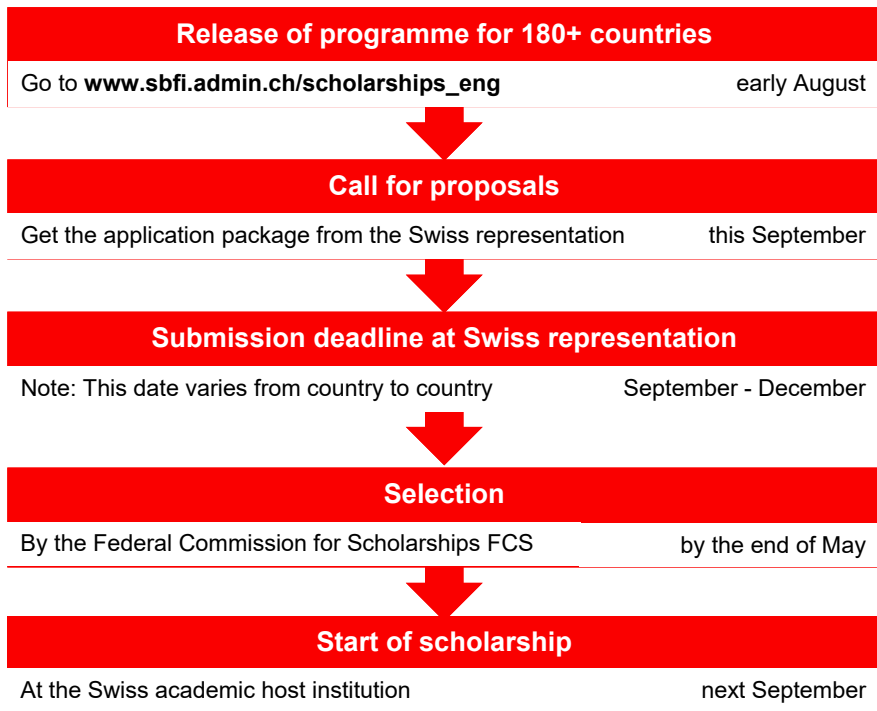


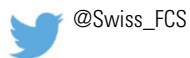
## Application procedure



## 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](http://www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng)

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## What FCS alumni say...

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*Dr. Ayé Clarisse Hager-M'Boua, PhD Scholarship holder from Ivory Coast*



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## Available Research Scholarships for post-graduate researchers

### PhD Scholarships (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 from an academic host professor at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the PhD thesis
- Research proposal including time-frame

### Postdoctoral Scholarships (12 months)

Intended for highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from all academic fields.

- PhD degree
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- Research proposal including time-frame

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Intended for highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields.

- Master degree or equivalent
- Not older than 35 years old
- Letter from an academic host professor at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the research
- Research proposal including time-frame

## Available Art Scholarships for initial Master degree's

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### Fine Arts Scholarships (12 months up to 21 months)

Intended for highly qualified fine art students from all artistic branches wishing to pursue an initial Master's degree.

- BA degree or equivalent
- Not more than 35 years old
- Letter from a professor at the chosen Swiss university confirming the supervision of the studies

## Eligible Costs

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

## Selection Criteria

- The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation
- The research project: originality and methodological soundness
- The academic context: quality and context of supervision and 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 resident in Switzerland already for more than 1 year before the start of the scholarship.

## 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 and support 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).
- PhD scholarships are extendable up to 36 months. For PhDs lasting longer than 36 months the academic supervisors are expected to help organize a follow-up funding solution.

## 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.
- (a) Make sure that the prospective academic supervisor actually works in your field.  
(b) Make sure that you possess all of the qualifications required for the intended scientific collaboration. Find out, for instance, what requirements must be met in order to obtain a Master's degree at the university in question.

## What FCS alumni say...

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*Dr. Denis Svechkarev, Postdoc Scholarship holder from Ukraine*