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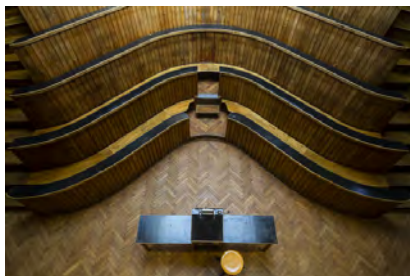
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New: Portal for Junior Academics

A new central hub for early-career researchers provides resources on career development within and beyond academia, continuing education, transferable skills, and advisory services all in one place.

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New: Postdoc Career Navigator

The new Postdoc Career Navigator on the Portal for Junior Academics helps you plan your next career steps—inside or outside academia—with tailored workshops, individual advice, CV checks, and interview training. Explore our spring 2026 program.

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Calls

Peter Bopp Stiftung –

UniBE Short Travel Grants

Implementation Grants

Deadline: 15.02.2026
Funding: CHF 100,000-300,000

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CSL Research Acceleration Initiative

Deadline: 26.02.2026
Funding: \$400,000

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EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges

Deadline: 26.02.2026 (stage 1)
Funding: €300,000 (stage 1)
€2.5 million (stage 2)

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for (Post)Docs

Deadline: 01.03.2026
Funding: CHF 7,000-8,000

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UniBE Promotion Fund (networking activities)

Deadline: 23.04.2026
Funding: CHF 5,000

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Solution-oriented Research for Development

Deadline: 18.05.2026
Funding: CHF 1 million

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Events

Wednesday
11.02.2026

UniBE Library & Digital Humanities
Researching with AI. Between Opportunity and Imposition
13:30-17:15
on-site, registration required

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Thursday
21.05.2026

start up days
Swiss Startup Days: Newcomers
08:30-17:00
on-site, registration required; pitch deadline: 15.03.2026

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UniBE Transferable Skills Program – Workshops for PhD candidates and postdocs covering key skills, from data analysis to career planning, with many courses exploring AI applications. Registration is now open for the spring 2026 program.

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UniBE Language Center: Academic English for researchers – Learn to write clear scientific texts for publications and proposals, use AI critically and effectively, and

deliver impactful presentations. Registration is open for the spring block courses.

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Springer Nature: No-deal situation – No agreement on a Read-and-Publish agreement for 2026 has yet been reached with Springer Nature.

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Marcel Benoist Swiss Science Prize – CHF 250,000 will be awarded for significant contributions to science and society in the field of life sciences (biology and medicine). Nomination deadline: 23.02.2026

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