

## Open call: ESKAS representative for the period 2024-27

Actionuni is looking for a representative for the extra-parliamentary commission ESKAS for the period 2024-27.

### About ESKAS

ESKAS (Eidgenössische Stipendienkommission für ausländische Studierende) is the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students. Extra-parliamentary commissions are organs that provide the Swiss Federal administration with expertise in specific fields (more information in [French](#) and [German](#) here). The purpose of the ESKAS commission is to award [excellence research scholarships](#) to young researchers from abroad at the pre-doctoral (research assistant), doctoral and post-doctoral levels; as well as art scholarships for students at the master level. It usually gives out around 400 scholarships per year, out of a total of 1'500 applications. The goal of ESKAS is to promote international exchange and research cooperation. The Commission is composed of one professor from each Swiss university and the two ETH/EPF<sup>1</sup>, one member of the International Relation Office from each institution, a representative from [actionuni](#) and a few additional representatives from other institutions (swissuniversities, FH/HES<sup>2</sup>, PH/HEP<sup>3</sup>, ...).

### About the position

The actionuni representative is elected for four years (2024-2027). Their tasks consists in:

- Attending ESKAS meetings three times a year in Bern (2 days in March, 1 day in May, 1 day in December. 1 day of meeting is approximately 6h, without transportation time)
- Preparing for the meetings (about 1h per meeting)
- Reporting about the meetings to actionuni and to the Swiss student union (VSS/UNES), by regularly attending actionuni meetings (monthly) and writing a short yearly report

### Requirements

- Interest for the work of the commission
- Being fluent in at least French or German (level C1 or higher) and have a good spoken understanding of the other language (level B2 or higher)
- Being ready to commit to the position for at least two years (the full mandate is four years, but a switch after two years is possible)

### Benefits

- Insights into the work of a federal commission, the attribution of scientific grants and soft diplomacy
- Interesting discussions about research and internationality in Swiss higher education
- Stipend of 300 CHF for each meeting attended (plus transportation fee reimbursement)

As a representative for actionuni, you may decide to also take on other responsibilities within the Board of actionuni, but it is not a requirement for the position.

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<sup>1</sup>ETH = Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule; EPF = Ecole polytechnique fédérale (Swiss Institutes of technology)

<sup>2</sup> FH = Fachhochschule; HES = Haute école spécialisée (Universities of applied sciences)

<sup>3</sup> PH = Pädagogische Hochschule; HEP = Haute école pédagogique (Universities for Teachers' Education)