

Scholarship Opportunities

offered by foreign governments to study in Switzerland

This list offers an overview of scholarship opportunities offered by foreign governments to study in Switzerland. Unfortunately, the links provided below are sometimes only available in the respective local language.

Please note that this list is not comprehensive in the sense that it does not and cannot contain every single possible funding option that exists. Instead it relies on the best effort of the Swiss ERI-Net¹, consisting of the Swiss Science and Technology Counsellors and the swissnex, to gather and provide the relevant information. Moreover, the information in this list and the linked websites are provided as is; SERI does not assume any liability for the up-to-dateness, completeness or accuracy of any of it.

Country	Organisation	Program	Public/Private	Accreditation Needed ²	Degree Level	Links	More Information
Argentina	Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation	BEC.AR ³	public	yes	Master, PhD, Specialized courses, Short visits	http://bec.ar/	Program started in 2014 Students who are granted a scholarship have to agree to come back to Argentina
Austria	Österreichischer Austauschdienst (OeAD) im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Wirtschaft (BMWFW) Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Wirtschaft (BMWFW)	Online Datenbank http://www.grants.at Mobilitätsstipendium der Studienbeihilfenbehörde	both	yes	All	http://www.grants.at https://www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/beihilfe-ausland/mobilitaetsstipendium/	Bietet Informationen zu Fördermassnahmen für Studien- und Forschungsaufenthalte von internationalen Organisationen, der Europäischen Union, nationalen Regierungen in In- und Ausland sowie deren Landesregierungen bis hin zu privaten Stiftungen, Vereinen und Unternehmen
Brazil	CNPq (National Council of Scientific and Technological Development) CAPES (Federal Agency for the Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education)	Ciência sem Fronteiras - Science without Borders	public	no, but "leading" universities preferred	PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.cienciasemfronteiras.gov.br/web/csf	Brazil Swiss Memorandum of Understanding supporting the Science without Borders Program signed in July 2013
	CNPq (National Council of Scientific and Technological Development) CAPES (Federal Agency for the Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education)	Costumary programs	public	no, but "leading" universities preferred	PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.capes.gov.br/bolsas/bolsas-no-exterior	
	CONFAP (Brazilian National Council of State Research and Innovation Support Foundations)	Examples are: FAPESP (São Paulo State Research Foundation) FAPERJ (Rio de Janeiro State Research Foundation) FAPEMIG (Minas Gerais State Research Foundation)	public	no, but "leading" universities preferred	Varies by calls	http://confap.org.br/news/informacoes-sobre-faps/	
	A network of Ibero-American universities	Popular source of information among Brazilian students when looking for scholarship opportunities to study abroad				http://noticias.universia.com.br/tag/bolsas-de-estudo-no-exterior/	
Canada	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada	Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships and NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships	public	yes	PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/BellandPostgrad-BelletSuperieures_eng.asp	
	Government of Canada	Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships	public	yes	Post-Doctoral	http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.html	
	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)	Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement	public	yes	Master, PhD	http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes/fellowships/cgs_foreign_study-besc_etudes_etranger-eng.aspx	
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	CIHR Global Scholars	public	yes	Post-Doctoral	http://www.cifar.ca/global-scholars-overview	
	Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)	Killam Research Fellowships	public	yes		http://killamlaureates.ca/	
	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Postdoctoral Fellowships Program	public	yes	Post-Doctoral	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/PDF-BP_eng.asp	
	Trudeau Foundation	Trudeau Fellowships & Scholarships	both	yes	PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs https://w03.international.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/scholarshipcdn-boursecdn.aspx?lang=eng%2fscholarshipcdn-boursecdn.aspx	
	Government of Canada	Website that gives an overview of all international scholarships available to Canadian Citizens organised by country					

Chile	Ministry of Education of Chile (MINEDUC)	BecasChile	public	no, but "leading" universities preferred	Master, PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.becaschile.cl/	
China	China Scholarship Council (CSC), affiliated to the Ministry of Education	Specific programs for undergraduate, master, PhD, postdoc and senior researcher (visiting scholar) level	public	yes	Bachelor, Master, PhD, Post-Doctoral, Senior Researcher (visiting scholar)	http://www.csc.edu.cn - not accessible)	
	China Scholarship Council (CSC), affiliated to the Ministry of Education	Chinese Academy of Sciences Scholarships	public	yes	PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.csc.edu.cn - not accessible)	
	Chinese Academy of Science (CAS)	CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)	public	no	PhD, Post-Doctoral, visiting Scientists, distinguished Scientists	http://english.bic.cas.cn/AF/Fe/201408/t20140807_125680.html	
European Union	European Union	Erasmus+ ⁴	public	yes	All	http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm	
India	Ministry of Minority Affairs	Parho Pardesh (Study Abroad)	public	no	Master, PhD	http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/sites/upload_files/moma/files/padhopardesh_eng_0.pdf	Offers a subsidy on the interest of educational loans for studies outside India for students belonging to economically weaker sections of notified from the minority communities
	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship	public	no	Master, PhD	http://socialjustice.nic.in/pdf/revisedNOSSCD.pdf	Provides financial assistance to candidates from the scheduled castes, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes and landless agricultural labourers and traditional artisans for pursuing degrees outside India in the following fields: Engineering and Management; Pure Sciences & Applied Sciences; Agricultural Sciences and Medicine; Commerce, Accounting & Finance; and Humanities, Social Science and Fine Arts
	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	National Overseas Scholarships for ST Students	public	no	Master, PhD	http://tribal.nic.in/Content/National_Overseas.aspx	Provides financial assistance to candidates from the scheduled tribes for pursuing degrees outside India in the following fields: Engineering and Management; Pure Sciences & Applied Sciences; Agricultural Sciences and Medicine; Commerce, Accounting & Finance; and Humanities, Social Science and Fine Arts
	Tata group	JN Tata Endowment	private	no	All	http://www.tata.co.in/ourcommitment/articlesinside/JN-Tata-Endowment	Scholarships are granted for higher studies in all disciplines and subjects
	Aga Khan Foundation	International Scholarship Programme	private	no	Master, PhD	http://www.akdn.org/akf_scholarships.asp	50% grant and 50% loan
	Bharat Petroleum	Scholarships for Higher Studies	private	no	Master, PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.bharatpetroleum.in/scholarship/scholarship.asp	Covers two years of study in any post-graduate degree course in any field of education other than fine arts
	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	Education Related Travel Grants	private	no	Travelling abroad for advanced training in specialised areas and to participate in workshops, Post-graduate studies abroad in the field of natural sciences and humanities	http://www.dorabjitatatrust.org/id/71/Education-related_Travel_Grants/	
	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	Lady Meherbai D. Tata Education Trust Scholarships	private	no	"Higher education"	http://www.dorabjitatatrust.org/id/73/Lady%20Meherbai%20D.%20Tata%20Education%20Trust%20Scholarships/	Only women
	Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation	Inlaks Scholarships	private	no	"University courses and specific programs"	http://inlaksfoundation.org/inlaks-scholarship.aspx	Does not give scholarships in the following subjects: Engineering, Computer Science, Business Studies, Medicine, Public Health, Fashion Design, Music and Film Animation
	Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation	Scholarship Programme	private	no	Master, PhD	http://pg.nsfoundation.co.in/Home/Scholarship	Fields of Pure Sciences, Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities, Law, Architecture and Management at prestigious Indian and international universities
Italy*	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Italian MFAIC)	Italian government Scholarships	public	yes	All	http://www.esteri.it/mae/opportunita/stranieri/2014/20140428_scholarships_public_announcement2014.pdf	

Japan*	Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT)	Scholarships	public	no	Bachelor, Master, PhD	http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e-10.html	
	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)		public	no	PhD	https://www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/eth-zurich/global/forschungsprogramme/documents/fin_al_guidelines_call_2014_Swiss_side.pdf	Apply through ETHZ (leading house)
	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)	JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Overseas Researchers	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://www.jps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/postdoctoral.html	Apply through SNSF
	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Swiss-Japanese Chamber of Commerce (SJCC)		public private	no no	Research and Japanese language Japanese language	http://www.ch.emb-japan.go.jp/de/austausch/mext.html http://www.sjcc.ch/scholarship-fund/introduction	Apply through Japanese Embassy in Bern
Russia	Ministry of Education and Science (MES)	Presidential Scholarship Program	public	no, but "leading" universities preferred	Bachelor (only last year), Specialist, Master, PhD		
	Potanin Foundation	Vladimir Potanin Fellowship Program	private	unknown	Master	http://english.fondpotanin.ru	
Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)	King Abdullah Scholarship Program	public	yes	All	http://www.mohe.gov.sa/en/studyaboard/King-Abdulla-hstages/Pages/default.aspx	Switzerland is not yet eligible, but discussions are under way
Singapore	Public Service Commission (PSC)	Overseas Merit Scholarships	public	no	Master	http://www.pscscholarships.gov.sg/scholarships/career-preference/overview	
	Singapore Tourism Board (STB)	Singapore Tourism Board Scholarship Programme	public	no	"Tertiary and university students keen to pursue a career in the tourism sector"	https://www.stb.gov.sg/careers/students-and-graduates/Pages/How-we-hire.aspx	
	A*STAR	Graduate Scholarship (Overseas)	public	no	PhD	http://www.a-star.edu.sg/Awards-Scholarship/Scholarships-Attachments/For-Graduate-PhD-Studies/A-STAR-Graduate-Scholarship-Overseas.aspx	
	A*STAR	International Fellowship (AIF)	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://www.a-star.edu.sg/Awards-Scholarship/Scholarships-Attachments/For-Post-Doctoral-Studies/A-STAR-International-Fellowship.aspx	
	A*STAR	National Science Scholarship	public	no	PhD	http://www.a-star.edu.sg/Awards-Scholarship/Scholarships-Attachments/For-Graduate-PhD-Studies/National-Science-Scholarship-PhD.aspx	Only in Biomedical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering disciplines
	National Medical Research Council (NMRC)	MOH Healthcare Research Scholarship (overseas)	public	no	PhD	http://www.nmrc.gov.sg/content/nmrc_internet/home/grant/talentdev/phd.html	Applicants should be working in the public healthcare institutions, and have desire to pursue a PhD in health and medical research
South Korea*	National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)		public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://www.stofficeseoul.ch/open-calls/	
	National Institute For International Education (NIIED)		public	no	Master, PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.stofficeseoul.ch/open-calls/	
	Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF)		public	no	Bachelor	http://www.stofficeseoul.ch/open-calls/	
	AsemDuo	DUO-Korea Fellowship Program	public	no	All	http://www.asemduo.org/sub_2/content.asp?table=bbs_03_program&multi=prog_korea&idx=9&app_f orm_data_vn=Y	
	Samsung Scholarship		private	no	PhD, Post-Doctoral, combined Master & PhD	https://www.ssscholarship.com/community/HomeEn.screen	
	Iju Foundation		private	no	PhD, combined Master & PhD	http://www.ijufoundation.org/html/Scholarship/ussk0102.do?ssap20Seq=281&pageId=1	
Spain	"La Caixa" foundation	Programa "Becas de posgrado Europa" (Postgraduate scholarships for studies in Europe)	private	no	Master, PhD	http://obrasocial.lacaixa.es/ambitos/home/becas_es.html	
UK	The Leverhulme Trust	Study Abroad Studentships	private	no	Master, PhD, Post-Doctoral	http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/SAS/eligibility.cfm	

USA*	National Research Council (NRC)	Postdoctoral Research Awards, Senior Research Awards and Summer Faculty Fellowships	public	no ⁵	Post-Doctoral, Senior Research	http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pqa/rap/	Applicants should hold, or anticipate receiving, an earned doctorate in science or engineering
	Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)	Visiting Fellowships	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://cires.colorado.edu/collaboration/fellowships/	Areas of research include atmosphere and ocean processes, cryospheric processes, ecology and ecosystems, regional/global environmental variability and change, environmental health, science and technology policy research, and space weather
	U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs	Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program	public	unknown	Master, PhD	http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs	
	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Office of Science Financial Assistance Program (DOE-Office of Science)	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://science.energy.gov/grants/	Advanced Scientific Computing Biological and Environmental Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Fusion Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, and Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists
	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (DOE - EERE)	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://science.energy.gov/grants/	Alternative and renewable energy, energy efficiency, business development, and superconductivity
	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Office of Fossil Energy (DOE-NETL)	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://science.energy.gov/grants/	Fossil Energy, Clean Coal & Natural Gas Power Systems, Carbon Sequestration, Hydrogen & Other Clean Fuels, Oil & Natural Gas Supply & Delivery, Natural Gas Regulation, U.S. Petroleum Reserves
	Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate	International Cooperative Programs Office	public	yes	Post-Doctoral	http://www.dhs.gov/st-icpo	International science and technology efforts, from basic research through proof-of-concept evaluations in support of at least one of the S&T Directorate's six Divisions: explosives, chemical and biological, command, control, and interoperability, borders and maritime security, human factors, and infrastructure and geophysical
	National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Division of International Training and Research (DITR)	public	no	Post-Doctoral	http://www.fic.nih.gov/About/Staff/Pages/Training-Research.aspx	
	James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF)	Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards in Studying Complex Systems	private	yes	Post-Doctoral	https://www.jsmf.org/apply/fellowship/	Multidisciplinary field of complex systems science
	Human Frontier Science Program	Research Grants, Postdoctoral Fellowships & Career Development Awards	both	unknown	Post-Doctoral	http://www.hfsp.org/	Frontier research into complex biological systems

¹ To find out more about the ERI-Net, please visit <http://www.sbf.admin.ch/themen/01370/01390/01391/index.html?lang=en> and <http://www.swissnex.org>.

² Whether the Swiss host institution has to be accredited by the relevant governmental or private organization in order for the interested students to be eligible for a scholarship.

³ No Swiss higher education institution is currently part of the program. The Swiss STC in Argentina, Dieter Cavallieri, would be more than happy to assist interested institutions in the admission process.

⁴ Switzerland currently holds only third-country status. There is a transitional solution for Erasmus+ in 2014 for Switzerland which shall be continued in 2015/16. More information here: <https://www.news.admin.ch/message/index.html?lang=de&msg-id=54521> (in German).

⁵ "Degrees from universities abroad should be equivalent in training and research experience to a degree from U.S. institutions".

* These countries have a bilateral reciprocity agreement with Switzerland regarding scholarships.