

Evaluation Procedure

Sciex Fellowships are assigned on a competitive basis. The selection of candidates is based exclusively on the scientific quality of the submitted proposals.

After the Formal Check, the evaluation procedure consists in two different steps: an evaluation by the responsible teams in the partner countries (except Estonia, Poland and Romania) and in Switzerland and an evaluation by three experts, members of the Evaluation Committee, coming from the field of the proposal.

The final decision is taken by the Steering Committee (at the end of March / at the end of August).

Sciex Fellowships are assigned to excellent research teams providing the following conditions:

- High professional commitment of the team members
- Cross-linked, team-minded characters
- Ideal scientific correlations, scientific quality with respect to international state of the art
- Intense support by the Host and Home Institution.

Indicative Budget

NMS	Research Fellowships in CHF	Number of 12 months Fellowships	Short-term Visits in CHF	Number of Short-term Visits
Bulgaria	1'696'000	20	150'000	60
Czech Republic	5'913'500	73	547'500	219
Estonia	1'671'390	20	150'000	60
Hungary	3'384'500	41	307'500	123
Latvia	1'696'000	20	150'000	60
Lithuania	3'384'500	41	307'500	123
Poland	9'996'000	123	930'000	369
Romania	6'761'500	83	622'500	249
Slovak Republic	2'536'500	31	232'500	93
Slovenia	848'000	10	75'000	30
Total	37'887'890	462	3'472'500	1'386

Further Information and Contacts

www.sciex.ch

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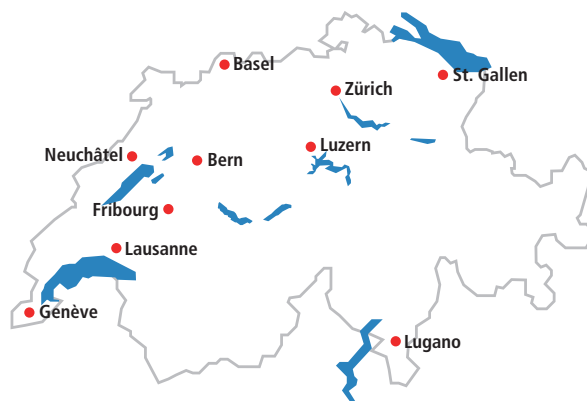
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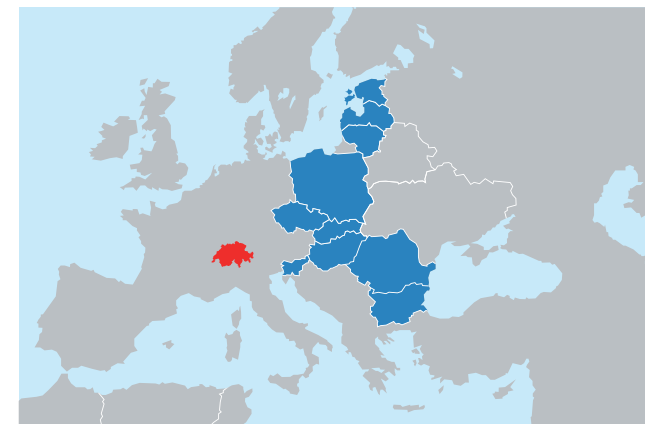
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Sciex-NMS^{ch}

Scientific Exchange Programme between Switzerland and the New Member States of the European Union



New Member States of the European Union: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia

«A unique opportunity to boost research careers and to develop scientific networks between talented and highly qualified Researchers from Switzerland and the New Member States of the EU.»

Swiss Contribution



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Sciex-NMS^{ch}

The Scientific Exchange Programme (Sciex-NMS^{ch}) is part of the Swiss Contribution to the New Member States (NMS) of the European Union and aims at contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the enlarged European Union through fostering the scientific capacities of Researchers in the NMS and promoting sustainable research partnerships between the ten NMS and Switzerland.

The main goal of the programme is to establish scientific partnerships, which will:

- 1) Develop individual Researchers' capacities (human capital);
- 2) Foster scientific progress and innovation (scientific prospects); and
- 3) Establish or enhance networks between Researchers (networking).

The Scientific Exchange Programme (Sciex-NMS^{ch}) provides:

- 1) **Research Fellowships for Junior Researchers** from the ten NMS to pursue their research in cooperation with Swiss Researchers in Swiss research institutions and
- 2) **Short-term research visits for Senior Researchers of granted Fellowships.**

Budget: CHF 45 million

Duration: 2009–2016

1) Research Fellowships for Junior Researchers

What is the overall design of a research Fellowship?

Any eligible research project has to be based on cooperation between two (or more) Researchers from the New Member States and Switzerland.

Under their leadership, Junior Researchers conduct their research. They are integrated in the Swiss research team.

Who can apply?

The research Fellowships are reserved for promising postgraduate NMS Junior Researchers who (1) aim at attaining a PhD Degree or (2) pursue postdoctoral research, normally with the intention to qualify for professorship.

The detailed eligibility criteria are described on www.sciex.ch.

How to find a Host Mentor in Switzerland?

The candidates are responsible for contacting the Swiss Professor and for making sure that he/she is willing to supervise the proposed research in Switzerland.

In order to find a Host Mentor in a Swiss University, you can consult the database www.proff.ch. For the other eligible Swiss institutions, you can consult the website of the respective institutions.

Which disciplines are eligible?

Sciex-NMS^{ch} provides funding for research projects in ALL academic disciplines and subjects.

Which institutions can participate?

The list of the eligible institutions is published on www.sciex.ch.

Only the Swiss research institutions adhering to the European Charter and Code for Researchers can be eligible in order to ensure that the Sciex Fellows will enjoy ideal working and framework conditions that will support the success of their research.

What is the duration of a research Fellowship?

The research Fellowships last between a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 24 months for Doctoral Candidates and between a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 18 months for PostDocs.

The research stay has to take place in one continuous period and cannot be split.

Which costs are covered by a research Fellowship?

The costs covered by a research Fellowship are:

- Salary of Sciex Fellow:
 - CHF 50'000.– p.a. (Doctoral Candidate: months 1–12);
 - CHF 55'000.– p.a. (Doctoral Candidate: months 13–24);
 - CHF 80'000.– p.a. (PostDoc);
- Those social taxes, which are to be paid by the employer (according to the SNSF rules);
- Additional Allowances of Sciex Fellow:
 - (journey, participation in conferences) max. CHF 2'500.–.

As Sciex Fellow, you will receive a regular Swiss work contract in the Swiss Host Institution.

When to apply?

There are two deadlines per year (April 1st/November 1st) – depending on the New Member States – to submit an application.

The announcements of the calls are published on www.sciex.ch.

How to apply?

You will find the list of the documents you have to submit for a Sciex application on www.sciex.ch – under Application Forms. All the documents have to be submitted electronically to sciex@crus.ch within the deadline – except the three forms F-3a, F-3b and F-4, which have to be sent also per post to Sciex – PO 607 – CH-3000 Bern 9.

2) Short-term research visits for Senior Researchers of granted Fellowships

For each research Fellowship granted, a total of 3 Short-term Visits is financed for the Host and Home Mentors.

Each Short-term Visit is financed with a maximum amount of 2'500 CHF to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Short-term Visits shall serve the following purposes:

- 1) Implementing with the partner scientist the joint research project that employs the junior scientist who has a Fellowship;
- 2) Mentoring visit(s) to support the Junior Researcher involved in the research project;
- 3) Strengthening the cooperation and the networks between partners;
- 4) If applicable and relevant, setting-up follow-up research projects.

