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Scholarship Opportunities

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Each year the Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries. Recipients are selected by the awarding body, the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS).

The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are aimed at young researchers from abroad who have completed a master's degree or PhD and at foreign artists holding a bachelor's degree.

<https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html>

ThinkSwiss

ThinkSwiss is a scholarship program funded by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). It is managed by the Office of Science, Technology, and Higher Education at the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C. and supported by the Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa, Canada.

The aim of the program is to promote research opportunities in Switzerland for American and Canadian students and to foster exchange between Swiss, U.S., and Canadian universities and research institutions. The ThinkSwiss program encompasses both the Summer School Travel Grants and Research Scholarships.

The ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship opens doors to the world of Swiss academia, which combines a high-quality curriculum with innovative thinking. This program is designed for students who are enrolled at a U.S. or Canadian university and who have completed their sophomore year. The scholarship is open to students from all fields if they have an acceptance letter from a professor at a Swiss university for a research stay in their group.

<https://thinkswiss.org/>

Fulbright-Swiss Foreign Student and Visiting Scholar Program

The U.S. Fulbright-Swiss Scholarship Student Program has been active for many years, providing scholarships for Swiss students and researchers to study and do research in the United States and for U.S. students and researchers to study and do research in Switzerland. The program continues to be an important tool for the U.S. and the Swiss governments to promote mutual understanding, as evidenced by their ongoing financial and administrative support of the Fulbright program.

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/switzerland>

For Swiss students looking to come to the US the link is: <https://ch.usembassy.gov/education-culture/fulbright/>

Swiss National Science Foundation

The SNSF offers a range of research funding schemes, each with its own budget. In the funding of projects, careers, infrastructures and science communication, the applicants are free to define the topic and scope of their research projects themselves.

<http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/selection-guide-for-funding-schemes/overview-of-funding-schemes/Pages/default.aspx>

Swiss Benevolent Society New York

In 1979, when a legacy from Swiss businessman Andrew Pellegrini provided the first funds for the former Pellegrini scholarship, the Swiss Benevolent Society of New York started to award scholarships and grants for education above the high school level. Since then, the various scholarships and grants have made a tremendous difference in the lives of many Swiss-American students and their families.

They offer a variety of different programs, including the SBS Merit Scholarship, the SBS Outstanding Scholastic Achievement (OSA) Award, the SBS Graduate Award and the Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship. Eligibility criteria and financial support may vary.

<https://www.sbsny.org/scholarships>

Zeno Karl Schindler Foundation

The Zeno Karl Schindler Foundation was created in August 2005 in Geneva by Zeno Karl Schindler's daughter, Jacqueline C. Schindler, in the name and memory of her departed father, an eminent engineer in electronic engineering and former CEO of the Schindler Holding, Hergiswil (NW), Switzerland.

Its purpose is the encouragement, development and support of cutting-edge research in the fields of engineering (cf. definition as per different grants) and environmental sciences as well as in the field of all medieval disciplines (languages and literature, philology, history, history of art, musicology, philosophy, theology, "Medieval Studies") and the "Digital Humanities" result of the intersection of medieval disciplines and computer data.

The ZKS-Foundation realizes its aim principally by subsidizing research projects, by granting subsidies and scholarships to researchers and academics of any nationality that devote themselves to fore-mentioned fields of research. The Foundation also proceeds by granting prizes or other rewards for new and important research work in both domains. The ZKS-Foundation can also donate to universities of all countries for their needs in research equipment as well as support conferences and other scientific meetings.

<http://www.zenokarlschindler-foundation.ch/index.html>

Hubert Tuor Foundation

The Hubert Tuor Foundation (HTF) supports projects and people who have projects. That is why it has created the 242 programme (2day 4 2morrow). Inspired by the desire to encourage promising and innovative projects to make our world a better place, the HTF works directly with young people who need immediate support to deliver a specific project. In this way, it contributes to the development of the potential of talented young people who will be the leaders and decision-makers of the future. As part of its mission, the HTF aims to provide a collaborative environment and support discussion and exchange of experience between the students, and for them to take time to help other members of the community.

Its support is available to all who need financial assistance to develop and deliver their project, whether they are still students or already in their first years of work. The project should be in line with the HTF's objectives as a foundation, i.e. be linked to the fields of medicine, science or technology.

Awards take the form of financial assistance, the amount of which is discussed case by case. They may cover the whole amount applied for or may cover the costs of a specific part of the project.

<https://www.fondationhuberttuor.org/en/our-grants/>

Further information

Other useful sites

Lists of scholarships and funding opportunities for both Swiss and US students studying in Switzerland specific to their universities and programs can be found here:

- <https://studyinginswitzerland.com/switzerland-scholarships/>
- <https://www.studyinswitzerland.plus/scholarships/>

Education Suisse provides various information for Swiss living abroad as well as general information for students wishing to study in Switzerland (available in German and French):

<https://educationsuisse.ch/de/schweizerschulen-im-ausland/>

Various online portals provide a general overall list of possible scholarships depending on your nationality, where you are planning to study, and the type of degree you are pursuing:

- <https://www.ief.org/scholarships>
- <https://scholarships.plus/scholarships/master/switzerland/>