

# Swiss Government Scholarships for Russian Citizens

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.

## Types of scholarship

- The **research scholarship** of 1920.00 CHF monthly is granted for 12 months is available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline (who hold a master's degree as a minimum) who are planning to come to Switzerland to pursue research at doctoral or post-doctoral level. Only candidates nominated by an academic mentor at one of these higher education institutions will be considered. The scholarship is not renewable. Candidates should be max. 35 years old (born after 31.12.1985).
- The **PhD scholarship** of 1920.00 CHF monthly are granted for 3 years and is available for young researchers in any discipline (who hold a master's degree as a minimum) who are planning to come to Switzerland to pursue research at doctoral level and to obtain a PhD degree. Only candidates nominated by an academic mentor at one of these higher education institutions will be considered.
- The **postdoctoral scholarship** of 3500.00 CHF monthly is available to young researchers in any discipline (who hold a PhD degree) who are planning to come to Switzerland to pursue research at postdoctoral level. Only candidates nominated by an academic mentor at one of these higher education institutions will be considered. The scholarship is renewable for max. 6 months. Applications can be done at the maximum 5 years after PhD.
- **Art scholarships** are open to art students wishing to pursue an initial master's degree in Switzerland. Only those who have already been awarded a place to study may apply.

## Selection criteria

- a) Candidate profile
- b) Quality of the research project or artistic work
- c) Synergies and potential for future research cooperation

## Exclusion criteria:

- Arts Master candidates residing in Switzerland for more than 1 year;
- Application for two or more Swiss universities for getting Swiss Federal Scholarship;
- Combination of Swiss government scholarship with other scholarships or work contract.

Applications are accepted in English or any official language of Switzerland. Your application should include 3 sets of documents, 1 of them should be original. Translations from Russian may be either certified notary or by your home university. Only originals of a certified translation and recommendation letters are accepted in your original application package.

More information is available on the website: <https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/topics/swiss-education-area/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-governmentexcellence-scholarships-for-foreign-scholars-an.html>

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