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Research and Scholarship Opportunities in Switzerland

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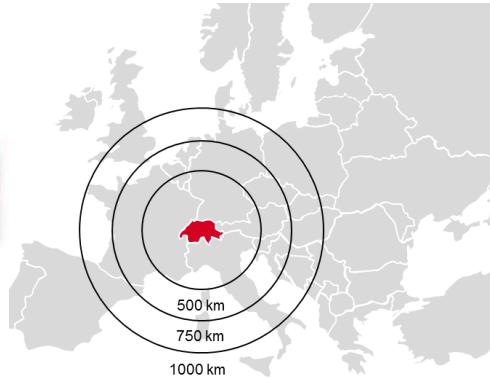
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Why Switzerland



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Much more than



... excellent universities

60% of students in the Swiss University system study in one of the top 200 universities in the world

... home of international companies



... international environment

25% of residents, and 58% of PhD candidates in Switzerland are foreigners

... innovation powerhouse

Top 10 in the Global Innovation Index every year (2007 – 2023) # 1 since 2011



The Swiss External ERI Network



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- **Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme**
- **Swissnex in India**
- **Zurich University of Applied Sciences, the Leading House for India**
- **Swiss National Science Foundation**
- **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation**



Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme



- Official **bilateral programme** for research cooperation
- Regular calls for proposals
 - Current partners in India include the **Department of Biotechnology**, The **Ministry of Earth Sciences**, the **Indian Council of Social Science Research**
 - Areas funded include ICT, Life sciences, Materials sciences, Human health sciences, Biotechnology, Sustainable urban development, Systems biology, Mountain research, Social Sciences, ...
- Discussions ongoing with the **Department of Biotechnology** and the **Indian Council of Medical Research** for a new call on **One Health**
 - Announcement expected **end 2024 / early 2025**
- For more information:
 - <https://www.snf.ch/en/UKQxLYeulyH9qfi/funding/programmes/bilateral-programmes-indo>



- **Two pillars**
 - **Academic Engagement**
 - **Start-up partnerships**

- **Three Focus Areas**
 - **Health**
 - **Sustainability**
 - **Digital transformation**

- **For more information: <https://swissnex.org/india>**



- **Zurich University of Applied Sciences** mandated by Swiss Government to **promote research cooperation** between Switzerland and India
- **Funding instruments include:**
 - **Research partnership grants**
 - foster new partnerships; enable existing partnerships to grow and develop
 - **Symposia and Workshops**
 - to organise a symposium or workshop with partner
- **For more information**
 - <https://www.zhaw.ch/en/research/leading-house-south-asia-and-iran/>
- **Be informed whenever a call for proposals is launched**
 - <https://www.zhaw.ch/en/research/leading-house-south-asia-and-iran/registration-form-leading-house-south-asia-and-iran/>



- **Project Funding** – Indian partners funding possible
- **Ambizone** – Aimed at young researchers
- **SNSF Starting Grants** – to lead an independent project and team
- **Scientific Exchanges** – For short term visits
- For more information: <http://www.snf.ch/en/Pages/default.aspx> **rg**



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12 doctoral universities

	EPFL	ETHZ	Basel	Bern	Fribourg	Geneva	Lausanne	Neuchatel	St. Gallen	USI	Zurich
Shanghai 2024	55	21	95	101-150	501-600	58	101-150			601-700	67
QS 2025	26	7	131	161	539	155	224			405	109
THE 2024	33	11	123	116	401-500	183	143	401-500	351-400	251-300	80
Leiden 2023	14	11	110	174	249	137	117				119

Not appearing in the table, the University of Lucerne

Focus: Fundamental research

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9 Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts

applied research, as well as the development of research findings into marketable innovations. No doctoral programmes

16 Universities of Teacher Education

Training of teachers, research and development, continuing education



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships



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- These scholarships can be availed for study at the **10 Swiss universities**, the **2 Federal Institutes of Technology**, as well as **9 universities of applied sciences**
- Scholarships available:
 - **PhD** scholarships
 - **Postdoctoral** Scholarships
 - **Research** Scholarships
- Next call for applications: **Currently open**
 - **Deadline for submission 11 November 2024**
- Write to newdelhi.scholarship@eda.admin.ch for the application package
- More information at: http://www.sbf.admin.ch/scholarships_eng



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- **Where?**
 - In a **publicly funded university** or **research institution** in Switzerland
- **Who?**
 - **Master's** student enrolled in an Indian university of institution
 - **Undergraduate (completed 2nd year)** student enrolled in an India university of institution
- **Next Call for applications:**
 - **Expected 16 September 2024**
- **Duration?**
 - **3 months**, between 1 April and 1 December 2005
- **More information at:** <https://swissnex.org/india/thinkswiss/>

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For whom?

Masters students or undergraduate students who have completed 2nd year, currently enrolled in an Indian university or institute. Open to students from all fields, with an acceptance letter from a professor at a Swiss university for a research stay in his / her group. Students will be paid a stipend of CHF 60 per day.

When?

Between April 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 (2-3 months' duration, to be completed by calendar year ending)

Where?

In a public-funded Swiss research university or public-funded Swiss research institution. Indian students may not apply to the University of Lausanne.



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