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पत्र संख्या: २०७८/७९

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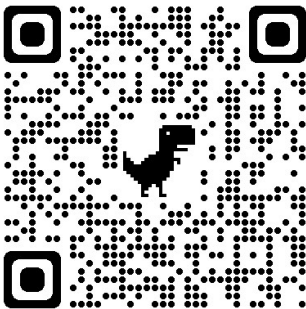
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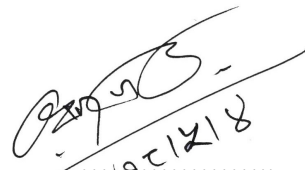
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मिति: २०७८/०४/२५

विषय: वैदेशिक अध्ययन/तालिम छात्रवृत्तिमा मनोनयन गर्ने सम्बन्धमा।

श्री सबै निकाय।

महालेखा नियन्त्रक कार्यालय  
दाता नं.: २०९  
मिति: २०१९

तपसिल अनुसारको अध्ययन/तालिम कार्यक्रममा तहाँ मन्त्रालय वा मन्त्रालय अन्तर्गतबाट मनोनयन गर्ने गरी निजामती सेवा ऐन, २०४९ (संशोधन सहित) को दफा ४० ख (२)बमोजिम गठित समितिको मिति २०७८/०४/२८ गते बसेको ३४९ औं बैठकबाट निर्णय भएकोले उक्त कार्यक्रममा उपयुक्त उम्मेदवार मनोनयन गरी मनोनित कर्मचारीको नाम, सम्पर्क नं. र ईमेल ठेगाना आवश्यक कार्यार्थ परराष्ट्र मन्त्रालयमा पठाउनुहुन तथा मनोनयन गरिएको कर्मचारीको संकेत नं. समेत उल्लेख गरी सोको जानकारी यस मन्त्रालयमा समेत अनिवार्य रूपमा उपलब्ध गराउने व्यवस्था हुन आवश्यक कार्यार्थ पठाईएको व्यहोरा निर्णयानुसार अनुरोध छ।

साथै, तालिम तथा अध्ययन कार्यक्रममा उम्मेदवार मनोनयन गर्दा कार्यक्रमसँग असम्बन्धित व्यक्तिको मनोनयन भई सम्बन्धित संस्थाबाट कन्फर्मेशन नआएमा सो निकायलाई २ पटकसम्म छात्रवृत्तिमा समावेश नगर्ने भनी निर्णय भएको व्यहोरा समेत जानकारीको लागि अनुरोध छ।

छात्रवृत्तिको मनोनयनमा सम्बन्धित सेवा, समूह र श्रेणीभित्रका समावेशी महिला, आदिवासी/जनजाति, मधेसी, दलित, अपाङ्ग, पिछडिएको क्षेत्र तथा हालसम्म अवसर नपाएका र दुर्गममा सबभन्दा बढी समय काम गरेका आधारमा साथै योग्यता पुगेका सहायक स्तरका कर्मचारीहरूलाई समेत प्राथमिकता दिई मनोनयन गर्नुहुन अनुरोध छ।

तपसिल:

क्र.सं.	अध्ययन/तालिम/ अध्ययन भ्रमण सेमिनारको विषय	सिट संख्या	अवधि	अवसर प्रदान गर्ने निकाय	अध्ययन/तालिम वितरण गरिएको निकाय/ निर्णयको व्यहोरा
१	"Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships"	not stated	2022-2023	Switzerland/Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship	सबै निकायलाई खुला गर्ने।
२	"Swiss Government Excellence PhD Scholarships"	not stated	2022-2023	Switzerland/Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship	सबै निकायलाई खुला गर्ने।
३	"Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships"	not stated	2022-2023	Switzerland/Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship	सबै निकायलाई खुला गर्ने।

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## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

### Research Fellowship

Academic year: **2022-2023**

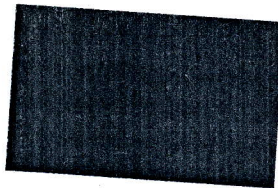
Country: **Nepal**

Opening of the call: **01 August 2021**

Submission deadline: **30 November 2021**

<b>Scholarship</b>	⇒ Swiss Government Excellence Research Scholarships for foreign students
<b>Offered by</b>	⇒ The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
<b>Objectives</b>	⇒ To enable selected applicants to undertake research in the realm of their PhD at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology, the public teaching and research institutes or the universities of applied sciences.
<b>Universities</b>	⇒ <u>University of Basel / University of Bern / University of Fribourg / University of Geneva / University of Lausanne / University of Lucerne / University of Neuchâtel / University of St. Gallen / University of Zurich / Università della Svizzera italiana</u>
<b>Federal institutes of technology</b>	⇒ <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</u> <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</u> <u>Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)</u>
<b>Teaching and research institutes</b>	⇒ <u>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</u>
<b>Universities of applied sciences</b>	⇒ <u>University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland / Bern University of Applied Sciences / University of Applied Sciences Northwest Switzerland / University of applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland / University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons / Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts / University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland / The Zürcher Fachhochschule</u>
<b>Universities of teacher education</b>	⇒ <u>Universities of teacher education</u>
<b>Validity</b>	⇒ The Scholarship is valid only for full-time research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). This scholarship is <b>not compatible with fieldtrips outside Switzerland</b> . Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork. Furthermore, this scholarship type is not available for scholars holding a PhD degree.





- ⇒ PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalised agreement between two universities ("cotutelle de thèse" cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors **are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only.**

### Target group

- ⇒ Highly qualified postgraduate researchers from all academic fields as well as young medical doctors.

### Duration

- ⇒ 12 months maximum (starting in September); no prolongation possible. The research fellowship cannot be upgraded into a prolongable PhD scholarship.
- ⇒ Grant applications for stays lasting less than 9 months will not be treated as a priority. Grant applications for stays lasting less than 6 months will be rejected.

### Amount and additional allowances

- ⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1'920.
- ⇒ There are no family allowances.
- ⇒ No financial support for conferences.
- ⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance.
- ⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).
- ⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
- ⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card.
- ⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Scholarship holders.

### Eligibility criteria and specific conditions

- ⇒ Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved **before 31 July 2022** (degree certificate) recognised by the Swiss university. As a proof, the degree has to be submitted to the Federal Commission for Scholarships before the start of the scholarship.
- ⇒ Applicants must be born after **31 December 1986**.
- ⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents.
- ⇒ Applicants must provide a letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the research. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected.
- ⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe. This is the centrepiece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it.
- ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the research/studies.
- ⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.
- ⇒ The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only. Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.



<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>⇒ The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:</p> <p>⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.</p> <p>⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness.</p> <p>⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.</p>
<b>Application timeframe</b>	<p>⇒ Opening of the call: 01 August 2021</p> <p>⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2021</p> <p>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: <b>01 September 2022</b></p>
<b>Application procedure</b>	<p>⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu (see below).</p>
<b>Application documents</b>	<p>⇒ Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1<sup>st</sup> set contains the original, <b>signed</b> documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1<sup>st</sup> set), no copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Signed FCS application form</b> (typed and printed) with photo.</li> <li>2) A full CV with list of academic publications, awards, etc.</li> <li>3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).</li> <li>4) A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages, <b>signed</b>), using exclusively the FCS research proposal form.</li> <li>5) A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the research.</li> </ol> <p>⇒ For research fellowships in addition:</p> <p>A short CV of the academic mentor at the home institution.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form – originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1<sup>st</sup> set). No copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.</li> <li>7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations in English. Do not submit the original certificates.</li> <li>8) <b>Signed</b> medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).</li> <li>9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.</li> </ol> <p>⇒ <b>Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders nor use paper clips or stapler.</b></p>
<b>Contact institution for the application</b>	<p>⇒ Questions and application documents should be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below*:</p> <p>⇒ Embassy of Switzerland P.O. Box no 113 Kathmandu</p>





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## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

### PhD Scholarships

Academic year: 2022-2023  
Country: Nepal

Opening of the call: 01 August 2021  
Submission deadline: 30 November 2021

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence PhD Scholarships for foreign students
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake a PhD at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology or the Graduate Institute.
Universities	⇒	<u>University of Basel</u> / <u>University of Bern</u> / <u>University of Fribourg</u> / <u>University of Geneva</u> / <u>University of Lausanne</u> / <u>University of Lucerne</u> / <u>University of Neuchâtel</u> / <u>University of St. Gallen</u> / <u>University of Zurich</u> / <u>Università della Svizzera italiana</u>
Federal institutes of technology	⇒	<u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)</u> <u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)</u> <u>Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)</u>
	⇒	<u>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)</u>
Validity	⇒	The scholarship is valid only for full-time PhD studies in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed PhD programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country).
	⇒	"Cotutelle de these": PhD students with an ongoing or planned doctoral project that is carried out within the framework of a formalized agreement between two universities ("cotutelle de thèse" cooperation between a Swiss and a foreign university) and under the joint direction of two supervisors are eligible for a 12 month research fellowship only.
Target group	⇒	Highly qualified postgraduate students (possessing the required degrees) from all academic fields.
Duration	⇒	12 months (starting in September) prolongable up to 36 months based on the achieved academic results.



### Amount and additional allowances

- ⇒ The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1'920.
- ⇒ There are no family allowances.
- ⇒ No financial support for fieldwork or for conferences.
- ⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance.
- ⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).
- ⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
- ⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card.
- ⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.

### Eligibility criteria and specific conditions

- ⇒ Master's degree or equivalent university degree achieved **before 31 July 2022** (degree certificate completed) recognised by the Swiss university. As a proof, the degree has to be submitted to the Federal Commission for Scholarships before the start of the scholarship.
  - ⇒ Applicant's date of birth after **31 December 1986**.
  - ⇒ Applicants must provide a letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the PhD thesis. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected.
  - ⇒ If an assistant professor supports a candidature, a full professor who is entitled to supervise the PhD during the entire scholarship has to co-sign the support letter.
  - ⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe. This is the centrepiece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it.
  - ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the PhD studies/ research.
  - ⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents.
  - ⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.
  - ⇒ The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only. There are no additional family allowances.
  - ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.
- PLEASE NOTE:**
- ⇒ The FCS application for a PhD scholarship and the application for admission by a Swiss University for a PhD study are two separate procedures.
  - ⇒ The admission to a PhD study at your chosen Swiss University in due time is a *conditio sine qua non* for a potential attribution of a FCS scholarship -



	<p>but no guarantee though for a positive decision by the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS. It is the applicant's responsibility to manage both procedures in parallel.</p> <p>⇒ A letter of support from a faculty member of the host university where the PhD is being completed is mandatory.</p> <p><b>There are basically two different ways to achieve a doctorate degree (aka PhD).</b></p> <p>⇒ 1) The <b>first</b> way consists in undertaking <b>doctoral studies at a Swiss University under the supervision of an academic mentor (supervisor)</b>. In this case, the <b>admission to the PhD at the University might take place after the grant application period at the Swiss Embassy</b>. For your scholarship application you must hand in the support letter of your academic supervisor, however, an admission letter is not required.</p> <p>⇒ 2) The <b>second</b> way consists in <b>being admitted to a doctoral school</b>, which provides the framework for the following doctoral studies. Please enquire all possible questions (e.g. your admission etc.) directly with the corresponding doctoral school. In addition to all other application documents (including the support letter from a supervisor), the <b>admission letter from the doctoral school is required with the application dossier</b>. As this takes time, applicants must plan accordingly and submit their application for admission to the doctoral school sufficiently in advance of the scholarship programme deadline.</p> <p>Please note: If the chosen doctoral school does not allow you to contact a supervisor before being admitted to the school, the application for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship is not possible.</p>
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>⇒ The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:</p> <p>⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.</p> <p>⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness.</p> <p>⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.</p>
<b>Application timeframe</b>	<p>⇒ Opening of the call: 01 August 2021</p> <p>⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2021</p> <p>⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: <b>01 September 2022</b></p>
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- 5) If you undertake doctoral studies at a Swiss University under the supervision of an academic mentor (supervisor) : A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss University confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the PhD thesis is mandatory. An admission letter is not required.

**Applicants for doctoral schools (doctoral programmes) :**

A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the PhD thesis is mandatory as well.

**In addition** to all other application documents, the admission letter from the doctoral school is required with the application dossiers.

- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form – originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1<sup>st</sup> set), no copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.
- 7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations in English. Do not submit the original certificates.
- 8) **Signed** medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).
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- ⇒ Questions and application documents should to be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below\*:

⇒ Embassy of Switzerland  
P.O. Box no 113  
Kathmandu  
Nepal

E-mail: [kathmandu.scholarships@eda.admin.ch](mailto:kathmandu.scholarships@eda.admin.ch)  
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## Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

# Postdoctoral Scholarships

Academic year:

2022-2023

Country:

Nepal

Opening of the call:

01 August 2021

Submission deadline:

30 November 2021

### Scholarship



Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarships for foreign researchers

### Offered by



The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS

### Objectives



To enable selected applicants to undertake a postdoctoral research at one of the 10 Swiss cantonal universities, the two Swiss federal institutes of technology, the public teaching and research institutes or the universities of applied sciences.

### Universities



University of Basel / University of Bern / University of Fribourg / University of Geneva / University of Lausanne / University of Lucerne / University of Neuchâtel / University of St. Gallen / University of Zurich / Università della Svizzera italiana

### Federal Institutes of Technology



Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)  
Research Institutes of the ETH Domain (PSI; WSL; EMPA; EAWAG)



Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)

### Universities of applied Sciences



University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland / Bern University of Applied Sciences / University of Applied Sciences Northwest Switzerland / University of applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland / University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons / Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts / University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland / The Zürcher Fachhochschule

### Teaching and Research Institutes



Universities of teacher education

### Validity



The Scholarship is valid only for full-time postdoctoral research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed research (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country). This scholarship is **not compatible**



		with fieldtrips outside Switzerland. Therefore no possibility and no funding for fieldwork.
<b>Target group</b>	⇒	Highly qualified postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic career from all academic fields. This scholarship primarily offers an opportunity to scholars who have not already been to Switzerland. No funding for sabbaticals.
<b>Duration</b>	⇒	12 months (starting in September); no prolongation possible. Grant applications for stays lasting less than 9 months will not be treated as a priority. Grant applications for stays lasting less than 6 months will be rejected.
<b>Amount and additional allowances</b>	⇒	<p>The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 3'500.</p> <p>⇒ There are no family allowances.</p> <p>⇒ No financial support for conferences.</p> <p>⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: the FCS pays mandatory Swiss health insurance.</p> <p>⇒ Scholarship holders from non-EU and non-EFTA countries receive a flight allowance (lump sum) for a ticket back to their country of origin (provided at the end of the scholarship).</p> <p>⇒ Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).</p> <p>⇒ One-year half-fare public transportation card.</p> <p>⇒ Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.</p>
<b>Eligibility criteria and specific conditions</b>	⇒	<p>PhD degree achieved <b>after 31 December 2018 and before 31 July 2022</b> (PhD degree certificate completed) recognised by the Swiss university. As a proof, the degree has to be submitted to the Federal Commission for Scholarships before the start of the scholarship.</p> <p>⇒ Applicants who have been in Switzerland since more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible. Reference document if applicable: residence permit to be added to the application documents.</p> <p>⇒ Applicants must provide a letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the postdoctoral research. Without such specific support letter, the application will be rejected.</p> <p>⇒ Not accepted as academic supervisors for postdoctoral scholarship applicants are their former PhD mentors and their co-directors for the cotutelle PhD if the academic supervisor is at a Swiss university.</p> <p>⇒ Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe. This is the centrepiece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it.</p> <p>⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the postdoctoral research.</p> <p>⇒ Scholarship holders are expected to move to Switzerland during their grant period.</p> <p>⇒ The scholarship amount covers the living costs of one person only.</p> <p>⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.</p>



### Selection criteria

- ⇒ The following aspects and selection criteria are primarily considered:
- ⇒ The candidate: academic profile, research capacity and motivation.
- ⇒ The research project: originality and methodological soundness.
- ⇒ The academic context: quality and context of supervision and potential for future academic cooperation.

### Application timeframe

- ⇒ Opening of the call: 01 August 2021
- ⇒ Application deadline: 30 November 2021
- ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: **01 September 2022**

### Application procedure

- ⇒ The application package can be obtained by email from the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu (see below).

### Application documents

- ⇒ Please submit 2 sets (=1 original + 1 copy) of application documents in exact order given below: The 1<sup>st</sup> set contains the original, **signed** documents plus the confidential letters of recommendation and, if applicable the attested translations in English. The other set is the copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> set except for the confidential letters of recommendation (only 1<sup>st</sup> set), no copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.
- 1) **Signed FCS application form** (typed and printed) with photo.
- 2) A full CV with list of academic publications, awards etc.
- 3) A motivation letter (max. 2 pages).
- 4) A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages, **signed**), using exclusively the FCS research proposal form.
- 5) A copy of the letter from an academic host professor (including her/his short CV) at the chosen Swiss university confirming why she/he is willing to supervise and support the postdoctoral research.
- 6) Two confidential letters of recommendation from two different professors in the applicant's field (use exclusively the FCS reference form – originals in sealed envelopes only for the 1<sup>st</sup> set). No copies for 2<sup>nd</sup> set.
- 7) Photocopies of certificates and grade sheets from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades, starting with the most recent. If not in English, French, Italian or German with attested certified translations in English. Do not submit the original certificates.
- 8) **Signed** medical certificate (use only the FCS health certificate form).
- 9) Two copies of the applicant's passport (main page with personal data). Dual nationals add copies of both passports. Applicants already in Switzerland during the application procedure add a copy of the residence permit for Switzerland.
- ⇒ **Please do not put the documents into plastic folders or binders nor use paper clips or stapler.**

### Contact institution for the application

- ⇒ Questions and application documents should be submitted to the following address – if not mentioned otherwise below\*:
- ⇒ Embassy of Switzerland  
P.O. Box no 113  
Kathmandu  
E-mail: [kathmandu.scholarships@eda.admin.ch](mailto:kathmandu.scholarships@eda.admin.ch)  
Tel: 00977 1 554 9225  
Web: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/kathmandu>  
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