



Una Europa Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

University of Zürich (UZH), Switzerland

Where Is It?

The University of Zürich is based in the heart of the largest city in the German-speaking part of Switzerland.

What Opportunities Are There?

National and foundation funding

Funding	DL	Duration	Amount	Eligibility ¹	Nationality requirements	Fields	More info
Early Career Fellowships of the Collegium Helveticum	Typically in February	10 months	Salary	Doctoral degree no longer than five years prior to the start of the fellowship	None	Focus on interdisciplinary research and arts	Collegium Helveticum website

¹ Most funders consider care duties and part-time work when calculating the academic age. Please check the requirements of each funder carefully.

* Due to Switzerland's status as a non-associated third country in the Horizon Europe programme, the federal government mandated the SNSF to launch funding schemes as transitional measures. These schemes are roughly equivalent to the similarly named ERC-Grants.

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship for Post Docs	Typically September to December	12 months	Covers subsistence costs for one person (no salary)	Doctoral degree no longer than 3 years ago	None	all	SERI website
SNSF Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships*	typically in December	12-24 months (two-thirds of duration may be spend abroad)	Salary of the applicant, research and conference costs	Doctoral degree, no more than 8 years of postdoctoral research experience	None	all	SNSF website
Post.Doc Mobility	Typically in February and August	24 months (+ 3-12 months for return phase)	Subsistence costs for a research stay outside of Switzerland, flat-rate for travel, research and conference costs; salary for return phase	Doctoral degree no longer than 3 years ago	For foreign nationals: at least 2 years of research at a Swiss research institution	all	SNSF website
Ambizione	Typically in November	Up to 48 months	Applicants salary and costs needed to carry out the project, e.g. salaries of group members (max. CHF 400'000)	12 months of postdoctoral research activities, no later than 4 years after degree	None	all	SNSF website
SNSF Starting Grant*	Typically in February	Up to 60 months	Up to CHF 1.8 million	More than 2 years of postdoctoral experience, no later than 8 years after doctoral degree; contribution to impactful research in your field	None	all	SNSF website
SNSF Consolidator Grant*	Typically in fall	Up to 60 months	Up to 1.75 CHF million + CHF 870'000 for specific costs	Doctoral degree awarded between 7 and twelve years ago.	None	All	SNSF website

Please note: This table does not include funding opportunities from the [Swiss Innovation Agency Innosuisse](#) and from [private foundations](#).

Institutional funding

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UZH Post Doc Grant	Typically in February	6-24 months (depends on host faculty)	Up to CHF 225'000 (applicants' salary, salary of co-worker, limited materials)	Post Docs that are already employed at UZH or plan a research project at UZH	None	All	UZH website

Why Come Here?

The [University of Zürich](#) is a comprehensive university with more than 28'000 students. It conducts cutting-edge research at seven faculties and more than 100 institutes. Its reputation as one of the world's foremost research universities is mirrored in international rankings. With its international outlook, state-of-the-art infrastructure and attractive employment conditions, UZH offers an inspiring environment for researchers and professional staff from all over the world. Researchers that are already employed by UZH can apply for [UZHs' own funding instruments](#).

The quality of life in Zürich and generally in Switzerland is very high. Switzerland is one of the most multicultural countries in the world, a quarter of the population holds a foreign passport. 50% of professors at Swiss universities come from abroad.

Currently, Switzerland is not associated to Horizon Europe. Swiss entities can nevertheless participate in most Horizon Europe calls. Substitute funding is provided by the Swiss government, the SNSF offers transitional measures.

[Euraxess](#) and [Euresearch](#) offer more detailed information on research and innovation, funding opportunities and job offers in Switzerland. For employment opportunities at UZH as a postdoctoral researcher, scientific collaborator, senior teaching and research assistant, please visit the [job portal](#).

Who Should I Contact?

If you are interested to conduct your research at the University of Zürich, please make contact with a potential host professor or institute in time.

The [Grants Office](#) of the University of Zürich can support you in your inquiry into UZH- and national funding. The [EU Grants Office of UZH and ETH](#) provides support for European and international funding and for all instruments that are transitional measures*.