

Leading House for the Latin American Region

FAQ – Frequently asked questions about Mobility Grants 2018

What is the aim of the Mobility Grants?

- ⇒ Mobility Grants 2018 aim to encourage researchers from Swiss institutions to boost their careers with a research stay (and fieldwork) in Latin America. Mobility Grants are especially useful for emerging researchers (PhD students and Postdocs) for the integration of the next generation of scientists in international collaboration, helping to build new partnerships through personal contacts, mutual trust, and to make cooperation more sustainable. The Mobility Grants aim to promote research in all Latin American countries and to support new cooperation endeavors in the region.

Who is eligible to apply for a Mobility Grant 2018?

- ⇒ As stated in the application form, the call is open to PhD students and Postdoc researchers enrolled in a programme in any scientific discipline and field in Switzerland from all federal and cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences and universities of teachers' education as well as public research institutions. A researchers can apply for a grant regardless of his/her nationality.

Do I have to be enrolled in a Swiss research institution in order to be eligible to receive a Mobility Grant?

- ⇒ Yes, both PhD and Postdoc researchers have to be officially enrolled in a research institution. Postdoc researchers need to hold a position in a qualified Swiss institution (Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, Cantonal Universities, Federal and Cantonal Research Institutes, Universities of Applied Sciences).

I already received or have a pending Mobility Grant application. Do I still qualify?

⇒ Researchers can apply, even if they received other funding instruments or if they have pending applications. However, previously received grants and pending applications should be clearly stated. Applicants should accurately explain why they need this additional funding. The Leading House will possibly give preference to applicants without previous funding.

I have a pure mathematics project, can I apply?

⇒ The calls are open to all disciplines and fields for mono or interdisciplinary research projects. Innovative projects are very welcomed.

Do I need a letter of recommendation from my supervisor?

⇒ PhD applicants need to present a letter of recommendation of their supervisor, while Postdoc researchers can independently submit it.

Do I need an invitation letter from the supervisor at the host institution?

⇒ An invitation letter from the chosen host institution should be provided by both PhD applicants and Postdoc researchers.

Do I have to apply in English?

⇒ Yes, all the information provided in the administrative part and all uploaded documents must be in English.

Can I use the Mobility Grant to pay for my salary?

⇒ No, Mobility Grants cannot be used to pay salaries, but can mainly be devoted to flight and accommodation for field research.

How are applications evaluated?

⇒ The Leading House for the Latin American Region awards grants according to the principle of competition and ensures equal opportunity for all applicants. Proposals will be reviewed according to international blind peer review standard procedures. Members of the evaluation panel will designate external peer review experts.

How and until when must I submit an application?

⇒ All applications must be submitted in electronic form to the Leading House leadinghouse@unisg.ch. Instructions and deadlines can be found on the [Website](#). You can access the official calls and application forms under “Downloads”.