

Bilateral research cooperation with the Latin American Region 2017-2020

Call for Mobility Grants 2018

The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) has mandated the University of St.Gallen to act for the period 2017-2020 as Leading House for the bilateral collaboration with partner institutions in Latin America, and to explore new partnerships in the region.

The Mobility Grants aim to promote research in all Latin American countries and to support new cooperation endeavors in the region. This is the first Mobility Grants call in the period 2017-2020. Grants up to CHF 8,000 will be awarded.

Aims and Objectives

The current Mobility Grants 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.

Eligibility

The call is open to researchers enrolled in a PhD or Postdoc program in any scientific discipline or field.

All researchers of federal and cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences and universities of teachers' education as well as public research institutions are entitled to apply.

Funding and Budgeting

Mobility Grants are up to **CHF 8,000** and will be disbursed after signing the grant contract.

All expenses must be justified and related to the proposed research activities. Third party contributions should be indicated.

Evaluation and Selection

Applications will be evaluated by invited external experts and by an internal panel, composed of members from different Swiss Leading Houses. The evaluation is based on the following criteria:

- Relevance, objectives and justification: A detailed project plan (timeline and agenda of activities) and specification of the current research including budget are required when submitting the proposal, following the instructions of the application form. Description of the current state of the art in the proposed area of research and achievements of former conducted research. Specifications of objectives and relevance of a research stay in Latin America and fieldwork to be conducted.
- Reasons for a research stay
- Originality, novelty and feasibility of the proposed activities
- Merit and follow-up activities: Scientific and technological merit of the anticipated outcomes and scientific production (publications, workshops, etc.). Planned follow-up activities after the research stay
- CV (including language skills), list of publications, and academic awards

Reporting, Accountability and Dissemination

The applicant is responsible for administrating the funds and for reporting. A final scientific and financial report must be submitted one month after the termination of the research stay.

All researchers who receive a Mobility Grant have to present their projects during the Research Slam organized by the Leading House for the Latin American Region to take place in December 2018 in St.Gallen.

Application

Former or pending Mobility Grants should be indicated.

PhD applicants need to present a letter of recommendation of the supervisor, while Postdoc researchers can submit the application independently. An invitation letter of the chosen host institution should be provided. In order to conduct the planned research stay successfully, language skills should be demonstrated.

Applications shall be submitted in electronic format only. Please email your full application to the University of St.Gallen Leading House: leadinghouse@unisg.ch

Timeline

Call launched:	18 September 2018
Deadline for submission:	4 November 2018
Evaluation and funding decision:	November – December 2018
Notification:	December 2018
Contract and payment of Grant:	December 2018
Research Slam:	December 2018
Time span to realize research stay:	December 2018 to December 2019
Project duration:	Up to 3 months
Project report due:	1 month after the end date of the research stay

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