Call for Mobility Grants 2020
Bilateral research cooperation with the Latin American Region 2017-2020

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 fieldwork in the region. This is the third Mobility Grants call in the period 2017-2020. Grants up to CHF 7,000 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 7,000 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.
The budget will be checked and might be cut if expenses are not calculated or justified correctly.

Evaluation and Selection
Applications will be evaluated by invited external experts and by an internal panel. 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 are needed as well as specifications of objectives and relevance of a research stay in Latin America and fieldwork to be conducted.
– 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. He/she must submit a final scientific and financial report one month after the termination of the research stay.

**Application**

Former, pending, or on-going grants should be indicated. The Leading House will give preference to researchers / projects without previous funding (e.g. SNF or Leading House Grants).

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**

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**Important note**

The LH has the right to modify the terms of the call according to the circumstances related to COVID-19 and any decision made by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). We kindly ask for applicants to please take charge of the corresponding travel and health insurances by themselves.
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