Dr. Wendy Altherr (ETH) & Dr. Beatrice Scherrer (UZH)

Funding opportunities for PhD students and postdocs
Funding Timeline for Scientific Career Funding

- **Doc.CH**
  - Doc.Mobility
  - Mob. In SNF projects
- **ETH Fellows**
  - Early Postdoc.Mobility
  - Advanced Postdoc.Mobility
- **Maria Heim Vögtlin**
  - Ambizione
- **Forschungskredit UZH**
- **UZH**
  - SNF Professorship
- **ETH**
  - Branco Weiss Fellowship

**Funding bodies**
- SNF
- UZH
- ETH

**Doctoral researchers**
- Dr. Beatrice Scherrer
- Dr. Wendy Altherr
Der SNF besucht die ETH Zürich
HG Eingangshalle / Audi Max
Mobility Fellowships
# Mobility Fellowships – a scheme for each step

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<th>Fellowship Type</th>
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**Deadlines & Evaluation**
- March 1 & Sep 1
- Feb 1 & Aug 1

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# Mobility Fellowships Grant – annual contribution

## Fellowship

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<td><strong>Basic amount</strong>*</td>
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*depending on host country, marital status and mobility instrument

## Return grant (APM only)

salary with social security contributions
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Numbers without Advanced Postdoc.Mobility:

29 different countries with <10 grantees
Doc. Mobility

Conditions

• Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months;

• Swiss nationality, permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss

• At least 1 year of research activity at a Swiss research institution for persons with foreign nationality

• Number of Fellowships
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Conditions

• Doctorate (PhD) already obtained or obtainment within 6 months, or medical training completed with a doctorate (MD)

• Doctorate obtained no more than 2 years ago; medical researchers must have passed the state examination no more than 6 years ago.

• Swiss nationality, permanent residence, valid residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss

• For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution
Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Conditions

• Doctorate (PhD) or medical training with a doctorate (MD) and at least 1 year's experience as a postdoc

• Submission up to 5 years after the doctoral exam (for medical researchers: up to 9 years and at least 3 years of clinical activity after the state examination)

• Swiss nationality, valid permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national

• For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution
Mobility Fellowships
Assessment criteria

- Quality, originality and relevance of the research project
- Track record of the applicant (Advanced researchers: proof of independency)
- Likelihood of a successful completion of the planned further education
- Aptitude for a scientific (Doc.Mobility/Early Postdoc.Mobility) or an academic (Advanced Postdoc.Mobility) career
- Prospects of such a career in Switzerland
- Quality of the host institution
- Extent of mobility
- Return grant (APM): relevance for the academic career and added value for knowledge transfer
Mobility Fellowships
Evaluation – On the right track

• Research project: first class (quality), original and feasible
• Research plan: clearly structured and enough details
• Problem / question: not too narrow but not too broad either
• Qualifications / achievements (e.g.: publication record)
• References / bibliography up-to-date
• Mobility
• Chances for a scientific (Doc.Mobility/Early Postdoc.Mobility) or academic (Advanced Postdoc.Mobility) career (within Switzerland)
• Presentation of the application (no typos, structure, complete,...)
Success rates career funding

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ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowship Programm
Society in Science - The Branco Weiss Fellowship
ETH Fellows – the ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

**Deadlines:** March 1 and Sep 1, decision within 4 months

**Goal:** Attraction of excellent young scientists and engineers at the beginning of their careers to the ETH Zurich

**Conditions**
- Candidates must have obtained their doctorate outside of the ETH and UZH and move from outside to the ETH not longer than 6 months ago.
- Proposal is submitted together with an ETH Host Professor, theme of proposal can be in all fields of the ETH

**Success rate:** 25%-33%

**Fellow numbers:** 161 ETH Fellows selected since 2008

**Cofunded** by EU (FP7) with 40 % and 60 % VPFW means

[www.ethfellows.ethz.ch](http://www.ethfellows.ethz.ch)
Society in Science -
The Branco Weiss Fellowship

**Deadlines:** January 15, decision within 5 months

**Goal:** Supporting postdocs from sciences, engineering or social sciences willing to engage in a dialogue on relevant social, cultural, political or economic issues across the frontiers of their particular discipline.

**Condition:** Applicants must have the competencies to pursue a courageous and scientifically rigorous and independent research project, profiting from the freedom uniquely offered by this fellowship.

**Duration and Funding:** Financial support (CHF 100’000 / year) for up to five years and opportunity to work at any academic institution of their choice throughout the world.

**Target size:** max. 10 fellows p.a.

**Success rate** 1–3%

**Fellow numbers:** 40 fellows selected since 2003