



# Research Proposal for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship

The research proposal is an essential document of the application package. Based on this document the selection Committee composed of University Professors will judge the academic relevance of the scholarship project.

Your research proposal consists of seven parts and all of them have to be addressed. The text boxes are limited to the number of characters stated (bibliographical references – see annex - are not included in the limited number of characters/ pages<sup>1</sup>).

Please devote all the necessary attention to this document.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Home University</b>	<b>Home Institute</b>
<b>Type of scholarship requested</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Research fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> PhD scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> PostDoc scholarship	<b>Swiss Host University</b>	<b>Swiss Host Institute</b>
<b>Project title</b>		
<b>Declaration by the applicant</b> (please tick, mark with "X", as appropriate, several answers are possible) <input type="checkbox"/> I suggested this scientific topic, but I did not write this proposal. <input type="checkbox"/> My supervisor suggested this specific topic. <input type="checkbox"/> I suggested this scientific topic, and this proposal is co-authored with the future host supervisor. <input type="checkbox"/> I have written this proposal entirely by myself, and I received feedback from the future host supervisor. <input type="checkbox"/> I have written this proposal entirely by myself. <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above. Please declare:		
<b>Fieldwork planned (for PhD scholarships only; for PostDoc and research fellowship not possible)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please indicate the destination outside Switzerland (country/ region) and the duration planned (number of months)		
<b>Applicant's authentic signature</b> NOTE: Sign the research proposal for your formally correct application By my signature, I certify that the information provided are complete and true. Place _____ Date _____		
<b>Authentic signature</b> _____		

<sup>1</sup> Due to automatic page break, the limit of five pages may be exceeded. Decisive are the indicated limits of characters.

If this is not your first application for this scholarship, please indicate below what you have changed compared from the previous research application. It is not advisable to resubmit identical applications as in the past.

- 1. Project title**
  
- 2. Mandatory: Layman Abstract <sup>2</sup> in English (at most 1600 characters, blanks included)**
  
- 3. Optional: Layman Abstract <sup>2</sup> in French, in German or in Italian (at most 1600 characters, blanks included)**

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<sup>2</sup> The Layman Abstract is a concise, clear, and brief description of the project. It should outline the problem, the objectives, expected outcomes, including significance of the project to the field being studied and the importance of the host institution. It should be written in less technical language readable to non-specialists.

**4. State of research in the field in English, in French, in German or in Italian (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)**

**5. Aims, methodology and foreseen achievements (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)**

**6. Relevance of the project (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)**

**For the home institution**

(for PhD and Postdoctoral candidates: your last academic institution attended;  
for research fellowship candidates your current institution)

**For the host institution (in Switzerland)**

**7. Schedule, timetable incl. eventual fieldwork (at most 1 page, 4000 characters, blanks included)**

**Annex: References** (works cited only)