Sciex-NMS

The Scientific Exchange Programme within the Swiss Contribution to the New Member States of the EU

With the enlargement contribution, Switzerland helps to reduce economic and social disparities within the enlarged European Union. Aid is given to the ten states that joined the EU on 1 May 2004. Starting in 2008, Switzerland takes part in several projects designed to reduce economic and social disparities in an enlarged EU. Despite rapid growth, the level of prosperity in the new EU member states is relatively low and the gap with EU-15 member states is comparably high. Switzerland’s commitment to EU enlargement is an expression of solidarity. At the same time, Switzerland is laying the foundation for solid economic and political ties with the new EU member states.

The Scientific Exchange Programme Sciex-NMS is the promotion tool for research teams from all disciplines, consisting of team-members from the EU-8 and Switzerland.

EU-8: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Slovak Republic, and Slovenia

Sciex-NMS provides mobility tools for individual researchers, foster scientific progress and innovations, and establish or enhance networks between researchers.

Sciex is part of the Swiss Contribution to the New Member States of the EU. Sciex Fellows pursue a substantial part of their research in cooperation with Swiss researchers in Swiss research institutions. Ideal working and framework conditions support the success of their research.


Budget: a total of CHF 29.08 Mio is available for the programme

Duration: 2009 – 2016

Sciex cooperates with Euraxess Switzerland and Euraxess Europe

Proximity assistance to mobile researchers

www.euraxess.ch

Contact Points & Coordination Bodies in the partner countries:

Information and proximity assistance to researchers, who are located in the sending countries

Proximity assistance to mobile researchers

Most websites will be prepared during 2010!

addresses and links
Swiss Sciex Regional Offices: Information and proximity assistance to Swiss researchers

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Sciex Fellowships

A Sciex Fellowship consists of the costs for research training placements of Sciex Fellows (employer’s salary costs, journey, module for further education) and the costs for knowledge exchange of the Sciex Mentors (three reciprocal visits). All Sciex payments are issued to the Swiss Host Institution. The Swiss Host Institution administers the Fellowship.

Research Training Placements for Sciex Fellows

Research training placements for Sciex Fellows, reserved for promising doctoral candidates and post-doctoral researchers from the new member states (no age restriction).

- Fellows are in a Doctoral Education or do post-doctoral research.
- Placements last between a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 18 (for post-docs) and 24 (for Doctoral Candidates) months.

Knowledge Exchange

Short Term Visits, open to Sciex Mentors from the new member states and Switzerland (no age restriction).

- Establish a cooperation
- Visit a Fellow
- Discuss a follow-up project
- Duration: Up to five days

Preliminaries

EU-8 Doctoral Candidates, who are enrolled in the Home Institution, can apply for a Sciex Doctoral Candidate Fellowship and EU-8 researchers with a doctoral degree, who are employed at an eligible Home Institution, can apply for a Sciex post-doc Fellowship. Senior Researchers from both countries support the Fellows as partner mentors.

Institutions must be eligible

All Home and Host Institutions must be on the list of eligible Institutions (see www.sciex.ch). Home Institutions must agree with the research stay. Employment conditions at the Swiss Host Institutions must correspond to the high Sciex standards, defined in the Performance Agreement. Swiss Host Institutions will be required to finance all costs related to the work of the Fellow, which are not covered by the Sciex Fellowship. Mentors and Fellows have an English language competence on at least level B2/ELP. They will be required to write reports and publications in English.

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Evaluation Criteria

Sciex Fellowships are assigned to excellent research teams from all disciplines provided the following conditions: High professional commitment of the team members; Cross-linked, Team-minded characters; Ideal scientific correlations; Intense support by the Host and Home Institution.

Sciex Fellowships are assigned on a competitive basis. Assignment by the Steering Committee cannot be appealed.

Application

Calls and submission deadlines, procedures and application forms are published on www.sciex.ch and in the partner countries.

Indicative Budget for 6 months Fellows’ research training placements and Mentors’ short term visits per Country in CHF and €

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