



Research Programme in Social Sciences with India

Faculty Exchange Programme (FEP)

CALL 2012

Opening date: 26 September 2012

Closing date: 30 November 2012

Description	<p>The faculty exchange programme (FEP) is designed to encourage the dialogue between Swiss and Indian scholars (faculty members and research staff) in social sciences, in order to intensify interaction between Indian and Swiss scientists and institutions and to promote sustainable bilateral collaboration.</p> <p>FEP grants are designed to fund travel and living expenses for exchanges of researchers between Switzerland and India. Other project-related costs may be funded as well.</p> <p>The FEP grants can include up to two researchers and scientists from each side. In addition, PhD students can take part to the project if connected to the Swiss applicant or to the Indian partner.</p>
Priority research areas	<p>The social sciences are taken at a large sense with a priority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Governance and policy,Sustainable urban development and land use,Democracy,Inclusive growth, green economy, economic growth and development,Public health and well-being,Food security,Population, ageing and migration,Higher education development, science and innovation policies. <p>Not limited to Swiss or Indian issues exclusively.</p>
Goals	<p>To initiate or intensify longstanding research and teaching collaboration between Indian and Swiss scientists in areas not covered by the Indo Swiss Joint Research Program ("ISJRP", see http://indo-swiss.epfl.ch).</p>
Project duration	<p>Up to 24 months (total of 6 visits per project duration with a max. of 3 participants from each side, 2 faculty and 1 PhD).</p>
Eligibility	<p>The applicant must hold a PhD and/or a senior permanent position in an eligible institution located in Switzerland (Cantonal Universities, Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, Federal and Cantonal Research Institutions, Universities of Applied Sciences and other Research Institutions eligible for receiving federal funding).</p> <p>Applications will be accepted only from a Swiss citizen or a Swiss permanent resident. Additionally to the Applicant, the FEP project may include one</p>

	<p>additional researcher and one PhD student or postdoctoral scientist on the Swiss and the Indian sides. The total number of participants on each side should not exceed three.</p> <p>Each applicant can submit maximum one application.</p> <p>The Swiss applicant and the Indian partner must prepare the application jointly.</p>
Funding	<p>Only Swiss funds are presently guaranteed, Indian partners are therefore strongly encouraged to find complementary funding on their side (see under "Evaluation and Selection" below).</p>
Grant information	<p>Travel and subsistence costs for Swiss researchers/PhD students going to India and living costs for Indian researchers/PhD students in Switzerland can be requested for a maximum of 6 visits from each side spread over the project duration of 2 years . Other project-related costs such as field survey costs may be requested as well.</p> <p>Number and duration of the visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits of up to 2 months max. for senior scientists and visits of up to 6 months max. for young scientists (PhD, post doctoral students) will be supported. • The visits should be reciprocal and balanced in number and duration between India and Switzerland. <p>For more detailed information (travel expenses covered, daily allowance, etc.), please consult the <i>Application form</i>.</p>
Submission	<p>Applications must be prepared <u>jointly</u> by the Swiss applicant and the Indian partner and must be submitted by the applicant in Switzerland.</p> <p>The applicant sends the original of the completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the Swiss program office at the University of Lausanne:</p> <p>Ms. Antoinette Charon Wauters Head of International Relations University of Lausanne Le Château CH-1015 Lausanne Switzerland Email: Antoinette.CharonWauters@unil.ch</p>
Application deadline	<p>Completed applications must be submitted not later than 30 November 2012. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.</p> <p>It is intended to announce the results of this call in December 2012.</p>
Evaluation and selection	<p>Joint applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts proposed by the Advisory Committee members.</p> <p>Evaluation criteria: (not listed in the order of priority)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding reciprocity: projects with matching funds will be preferred 2. Scientific merit of the proposed activities and of the anticipated outcomes 3. Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between Swiss and Indian institutions

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Added value of the visits for ongoing research and teaching where applicable, on both sides 5. Potential for follow-on collaborative activities 6. Expertise and complementarities of the two partners 7. Feasibility of proposed approach 8. Qualifications and experience of applicants <p>The applicant will be notified by the University of Lausanne. The results are intended to be announced in December 2012.</p>
Reporting	Grant recipients will have to submit a scientific and financial report after each year of the project or if the project is of shorter duration, at the latest two months after the end of the grant period.
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