

## Fact Sheet Swiss Funded Scholarships – Latvia and Lithuania

	<b>Bilateral Scholarship Program</b>		<b>Swiss Contribution Scholarships</b>		<b>Other Swiss funded Scholarships</b>
			<i>Latvia (2.5 Mio CHF)</i>	<i>Lithuania (4 Mio CHF)</i>	
<b>Funding source</b>	Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS)		Special credit line <i>Enlargement Contribution</i> ; responsible Institution: SDC		Swiss State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER)
<b>Eligible Institutions</b>	Eligible Latvian institutions defined by LV - MoE&Sc and published on <a href="http://www.apa.lv">www.apa.lv</a> . Eligible Swiss institutions defined by FCS and listed on <a href="http://www.sbf.admin.ch">www.sbf.admin.ch</a> .	Eligible Lithuanian institutions defined by LT - MoE&Sc and published on <a href="http://www.smpf.lt">www.smpf.lt</a> . Eligible Swiss institutions defined by FCS and listed on <a href="http://www.sbf.admin.ch">www.sbf.admin.ch</a> .	Eligible Latvian institutions defined by LV - MoE&Sc and published on <a href="http://www.apa.lv">www.apa.lv</a> . Eligible Swiss institutions defined by CRUS and listed on <a href="http://www.sciex.ch">www.sciex.ch</a> <sup>1</sup>	Eligible Lithuanian institutions defined by LT - MoE&S and published on <a href="http://www.sciex.lt">www.sciex.lt</a> . Eligible Swiss institutions defined by CRUS and listed on <a href="http://www.sciex.ch">www.sciex.ch</a> (see footnote 1)	Swiss universities, Federal Institutes of Technology. To a limited extent, scholarships also offered for postgraduate studies at Universities of Applied Sciences. Scholarships also in graphic and applied arts as well as music.
<b>Eligible Participants:</b>	Under 35 years of age when applying, at least Bachelor Degree. Scholarship students to enrol in Switzerland for studies at post-graduate level. Programme not valid for on-the-job studies, part-time studies or correspondence courses.  Advanced art studies.		<b>A) Research fellowships:</b> PhD-candidates recommended by their home institution and their destination institution in Switzerland. <sup>2</sup> <b>B) Short-term research visits</b> for Senior Researchers, who are encouraged to engage in their own research activities and act as mentors to the Junior Researchers.	<b>A) Research fellowships:</b> PhD-candidates recommended by their home institution and their destination institution in Switzerland (see footnote 2). <b>B) Short-term research visits</b> for Senior Researchers, who are encouraged to engage in their own research activities and act as mentors to the Junior Researchers.	Under 35 years of age when applying, at least Bachelor Degree. Scholarship students to enrol in Switzerland for studies at post-graduate level. Programme not valid for on-the-job studies, part-time studies or correspondence courses.
<b>Screening of applications</b>	APA as LV coordination body: decides on compliance of applications before submission to the Embassy of Switzerland.  Embassy of Switzerland: checks the applications according to the application requirements; interviews each applicable candidate (incl. written	SMPF as LT coordination body: decides on compliance of applications before submission to the Embassy of Switzerland.  Embassy of Switzerland: checks the applications according to the application requirements; interviews each applicable candidate (incl. written	APA as LV coordination body: decides on compliance of proposals, scoring of proposals, submission of proposals to next stage of assessment process (in Switzerland).	SCL as LT coordination body: decides on compliance of proposals, scoring of proposals, submission of proposals to next stage of assessment process (in Switzerland).	

<sup>1</sup> Swiss participating institutions are the cantonal Universities and the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (members of CRUS), the Universities of Applied Sciences (members of KFH) the Federal Research Institutes of the ETH Domain and Research Institutions outside the university sector, which are subsidized according to Article 16 of the Federal Law on Research

<sup>2</sup> Research fellowships have a duration between a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 24 months. These fellowships are reserved for promising postgraduate NMS Junior Researchers who (1) aim at attaining a PhD Degree or (2) pursue postdoctoral research, normally with the intention to qualify for professorship.

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<b>Decision making process</b>	Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS)	<i>Operational decisions:</i> Steering Committee of the SciexNMS <sup>ch</sup> Programme. <i>Members:</i> CRUS (chair), other Swiss research stakeholders, SDC (total: 9) <sup>3</sup> CRUS is acting as secretariat.	<i>Operational decisions:</i> Steering Committee of the SciexNMS <sup>ch</sup> Programme. <i>Members:</i> CRUS (chair), other Swiss research stakeholders, SDC (total: 9) (see footnote 3) CRUS is acting as secretariat.	Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS)	
<b>Bilateral Agreements signed by</b>		LV - MoF, SDC	LT - MoF, LT - MoE&S, SDC		
<b>Sustainability</b>		Switzerland may carry out ex-post evaluation of SciexNMS <sup>ch</sup> programme	Switzerland may carry out ex-post evaluation of SciexNMS <sup>ch</sup> programme		
<b>Information:</b>	<a href="http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/themen/bildung/stipendien/eskas_en.html">http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/themen/bildung/stipendien/eskas_en.html</a>			<a href="http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/themen/bildung/stipendien/eskas_en.html">http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/themen/bildung/stipendien/eskas_en.html</a>	

### Abbreviations:

MoFA:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MoEc:	Ministry of Economy
Mol:	Ministry of Interior
MoF:	Ministry of Finance
MoE&Sc:	Ministry of Education and Science
SDC:	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SciexNMS <sup>ch</sup> :	Scientific Exchange Programme between Switzerland and the New Member States of the European Union
APA:	Academic Programme Agency
SCL:	Science Council of Lithuania
CRUS:	Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities

<sup>3</sup> The Steering Committee is composed of the Swiss research stakeholders, i.e. delegated representatives of the following organizations: CRUS (1 delegate as President of the Steering Committee); State Secretariat for Education and Research (1 delegate career development); the Swiss National Science Foundation (1 delegate career development, 1 delegate international cooperation); Swiss cantonal universities and Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (1 delegate elected by CRUS); Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences (1 delegate elected by KFH); ETH-Domain (1 delegate elected by ETH-Rat); national research institutions (1 delegate elected by SER) as well as SDC (1 delegate). Each partner state may delegate an observer to the Steering Committee.