



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Fine Arts Scholarships

Academic year: 2017-2018

Country: Greece

Opening of the call: 17.09.2016

Submission deadline: 31.10.2016

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Fine Arts Scholarships for foreign students
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government via the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake Master's studies or research in conservatories or art schools affiliated with universities of applied sciences.
Universities of applied sciences	⇒	University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland / Bern University of Applied Sciences / University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland / University of Applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland / Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts / University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland / The Zürcher Fachhochschule
Validity	⇒	The Scholarship is only valid for the first full-time Master's studies at one of the abovementioned universities of applied sciences in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed programmes (part time in Switzerland and part time in another country).
Target group	⇒	Highly qualified young artists from all artistic fields. Master's scholarships are only offered to citizens of countries with which Switzerland has direct reciprocity agreements for art scholarships.
Duration	⇒	The duration of the Master's programme (according to the ECTS credits), starting in September.
Amount and additional allowances	⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of CHF 1,920. For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: mandatory Swiss Health insurance is paid by the FCS. Non-European grantees receive a lump sum for airfare (provided at the end of the scholarship). Special CHF 300 housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship). One-year half-fare public transportation card.

	⇒	Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.
Eligibility criteria and specific conditions	⇒	Bachelor's degree or equivalent.
	⇒	The candidate must not be over 35 years old at the time of the application.
	⇒	The applicant should start their scholarship no later than three years after graduating with their Bachelor's degree.
	⇒	Applicants who have been in Switzerland for more than one year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible.
	⇒	Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the Master's programme.
	⇒	Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.
		PLEASE NOTE:
	⇒	The application for a FCS Fine Arts Scholarship and the application for admission by your chosen Swiss conservatory or art school (university of applied sciences) are two separate procedures. FCS applicants have to document that they have been accepted by an institution or that they are being considered for admission. Without such a document, the application will be rejected.
Application procedure	⇒	The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Swiss Embassy in Athens.
	⇒	Applications should be submitted in triplet, with the number of copies indicated (hard copies only). The original, signed documents and attested translations should be submitted, along with two copies thereof. For details see the Application Guidelines available at your contact institution (see below).
Application timeframe	⇒	Opening of the call: 17.09.2016
	⇒	Application deadline: 31.10.2016
	⇒	Selection interview, if applicable ask: Swiss Embassy
	⇒	Beginning of the scholarship: 1.9.2017
Application documents (Please provide originals plus two sets of copies on <u>A4 paper</u> . Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic folders or binders).	⇒	The official FCS 2017-2018 application form (typed and printed). <u>Handwritten forms will not be accepted.</u>
	⇒	A full curriculum vitae using the Europass model, which you can download at the following address: EUROPASS Model (this document is mandatory for fine arts applications).
	⇒	A letter of motivation : a two-page personal statement focusing on why you wish to study in Switzerland, the importance of this choice for your future career, and your professional projects at the end of the scholarship.
	⇒	<u>For painters, graphic artists and sculptors</u> : copies or photos of three pieces of your work , along with rough drafts (including their dates of creation). It is important that you label your work with your name, surname and country. If the work is not labeled, the application will not be taken into consideration.
	⇒	<u>For musicians</u> : high-quality CD of three different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors. Composers should submit their scores.



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- ⇒ An **admission/confirmation document** proving that the applicant is being considered for admission at the intended Swiss fine arts or music school (conservatory). This may be in the form of a conditional acceptance pending an entry exam or other specific requirements.
- ⇒ If applicable: a copy of the letter or email from a professor at the intended Swiss fine arts or music school confirming that they are willing to supervise the studies.
- ⇒ Photocopies of all **certificates and grade sheets** from previously attended universities/colleges and diplomas with grades. (If the originals are not in English, French, German or Italian, the copies must be translated into one of these languages and attested.) Attestations can be made by the university or government officer.
- ⇒ **Two letters of recommendation** from professors in the applicant's field (use only the official reference form provided with the application package).
- ⇒ **A health certificate** (use only the official health certificate provided with the application package).
- ⇒ Each application set should contain **two copies of the applicant's passport** (main page with personal data).

**Contact institution
for the application**

- ⇒ Questions and application documents should be submitted to the following address:
- ⇒ Swiss Embassy in Athens
Iassiou 2, 115 21 Athens
- Email: ath.vertretung@eda.admin.ch
- Tel: 0030 210 72 30 364
- Web: <http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/home/repes/eur/vgrc/embath.htm>
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