Call for Research Partnership Grants 2021

ONLINE SESSION

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LH South Asia and Iran, 2021-2024

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1 What is the Leading House South Asia and Iran?

ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences is commissioned by the Swiss Government’s State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) to foster research cooperation between all research institutions in Switzerland (i.e. not only ZHAW) and partners across South Asia and in Iran*.

2 What are its strategic goals and its instruments?

Represent the interests of the Swiss scientific community towards potential foreign partners in South Asia and Iran. The calls are open to all scientific disciplines and research fields. Instruments are:

- Academy-Industry Training (India exclusively)
- Research Partnership Grant

*Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
3 What is the Research Partnership Grant?

- Research Partnership Grants aim to offer support to Swiss researchers who are interested in a research collaboration with institutional partners located in any of the nine countries that fall within the mandate region of this Leading House.

- 3 main purposes: foster new partnerships and/or allow existing partnerships to grow and develop and/or support early research talent.

- A call for grants will be published once a year in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (in fall).

- An applicant may apply for a grant amount of maximum 35,000 CHF per research project.

- The first call for a Research Partnership Grant was launched on November 1\textsuperscript{st} 2021 – deadline for applications is January 15, 2022.
Who can apply?

- Applicants must be **permanent residents of Switzerland**.

- **The Swiss applicants** must have an employment contract with a federal or cantonal university, university of applied sciences, university of teachers’ education in Switzerland or a Swiss public research institution.

- **The Swiss applicants** need to have a proposed or an ongoing research project with an institutional partner or need to have a joint teaching or a joint curriculum development project with an institutional partner in one of this Leading houses’ mandate countries.

- **Swiss applicants** must submit their grant application from their personal institutional email address at their Swiss university, university of applied sciences or university of teachers’ education (e.g. firstname.second name@exampleswissuniversity.ch). Applications from other types of email addresses will be discarded and the senders will not be notified.
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4 Who can apply?

- **The Swiss applicant’s collaborator** in the concerned partner country needs to be a scientist with permanent employment or employment lasting until the end of the project with the institutional partner.

- **The principal investigator/researcher in South Asia or Iran** must be affiliated to an accredited university or a public research institute and must hold a faculty or scientist position in addition to several years of research or practical experience.

- **Matching funding is available**: Both the applicant and the partner institute abroad are required to make in-kind contributions to the proposed research project. The Swiss applicant is required to make a financial contribution in addition to the one in-kind.
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5 How can I find a research partner?

- https://www.researchgate.net/
- www.swissuniversities.ch/en/
How does the application process work?

3 Steps to every application:

Step 1: Read the call document carefully to ensure that you meet all eligibility criteria.
Step 2: Download the budget table from our website, and complete it before proceeding to the next step.
Step 3: Visit the online application form and enter all mandatory data in the online form.

NOTE: Incomplete application forms and budget tables will be discarded.

Visit www.zhaw.ch/leadinghouse:

click on funding instruments by country, then select Research Partnership Grant
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