

Mobility funding opportunity for master's students

Are you interested in completing an exchange semester, your master's thesis, or a double degree at one of our [partner universities](#) at LSFM abroad? The [FTAL](#) association (Conference for Engineering, Architecture, and Life Sciences) offers master's students from Swiss universities of applied sciences (see list on page 2) the opportunity to undertake such a stay abroad of **at least one semester** with financial support of CHF 3,000 per person. **The scholarship is valid for a stay in the autumn semester 2026/27.**

What are the eligibility requirements?

Eligibility requirements include good grades, motivation, and personal qualifications. To apply, FTAL needs the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae
- A letter of motivation
- A letter of recommendation from a supervising person or lecturer
- Bachelor's degree certificate with grades
- Confirmation of the international stay from the International Office and/or the advisor of the University of Applied Sciences

IMPORTANT: LSFM Master's students who wish to complete a semester abroad must register for a semester abroad with the IO LSFM in addition to submitting this FTAL scholarship application. Please send an email to: international.lsfm@zhaw.ch

Application period begins in March 2026.

A total of 4 places are available for the academic year 26/27.



Additional Information

- The financial support can be used for tuition fees, travel costs, and living expenses abroad
- The exchange preferably takes place in the middle of the master's program
- For master's theses it is possible to form a research collaboration with the partner university. In such cases the primary supervisor must be from the home university
- A one-page experience report with photos must be submitted after the stay abroad. This report will be published on the FTAL, MSE, and MSLS websites
- The selection of scholarship recipients is made by the scholarship committee of the FTAL association. The results will be announced at a later date
- The scholarship is usually paid out shortly before the semester begins
- Legal recourse is excluded

Evaluation Criteria

Scholarships are awarded based on the following key criteria:

- The applicant's grade point average
- The quality of the letter of motivation
- The letter of recommendation from a supervisor and/or lecturer
- In the case of equally qualified applicants, the 4 available slots will be allocated as follows: 2 for the Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) and 2 for the Master in Life Sciences (LS)

Application Information:

- Applications will be accepted starting in March 2026
- Please send your application documents as a PDF file via e-mail to ftal-management@zhaw.ch

Partner Universities:

The ZHAW LSFM has valid inter-institutional agreements with certain partner universities. You can find the list of LSFM partner universities [here](#). For related questions, please contact the LSFM International Office: international.lsfm@zhaw.ch

Participating Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences

- [ZHAW – Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften](#)
- [Berner Fachhochschule](#)
- [Fachhochschule Graubünden](#)
- [FACHHOCHSCHULE NORDWESTSCHWEIZ FHNW](#)
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