



## Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences

### CALL FOR SCHOLARS EXCHANGE GRANTS (SEG) 2015

**Opening date:** 25 November 2015

**Closing date:** 15 February 2016

<b>Description of the programme</b>	The Indo-Swiss joint research programme in the Social Sciences is designed to encourage and initiate research collaborations between Swiss and Indian social scientists on topics of mutual interests with the aim to intensify interaction between scholars and research institutions of the two countries as to promote sustainable bilateral collaboration.
<b>Organising entities</b>	The Indo-Swiss joint research programme in the Social Sciences is jointly organised by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and by the University of Lausanne (UNIL) as Associate Leading House of the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme (ISJRP) financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).
<b>Description of the grant</b>	The Scholars Exchange Grants (SEG) are designed to fund visits of researchers in the social sciences between Switzerland and India, for joint research, field research, teaching exchange, joint development of a research proposal, presentations in conferences.
<b>Research area</b>	Social Sciences in a broad sense.
<b>Goal</b>	To initiate or intensify longstanding research collaboration between Indian and Swiss social scientists.
<b>Amount per grant</b>	Swiss side: CHF 10,000 maximum per project
<b>Project duration</b>	The visits can be spread over a duration of maximum 12 months.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p><i>Indian main applicant</i></p> <p>The main applicant must hold a PhD and/or a senior permanent position in an university/institution located in India.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted only from an Indian citizen or an Indian permanent resident.</p> <p><i>Swiss main applicant</i></p> <p>The main 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.</p> <p><i>Additional social scientists</i></p> <p>Additionally to the main applicant, the SEG project may include additional researchers and PhD students, postdoctoral social scientists or scientific collaborators on the Swiss and the Indian sides. The total number of</p>

	<p>participants on each side should not exceed three.</p> <p>Each applicant can submit maximum one application.</p>
<b>Funding principles</b>	<p><i>Indian funds</i></p> <p>Indian funds will contribute to cover the travel costs of Indian researchers to Switzerland, and the living expenses of Swiss visitors in India.</p> <p><i>Swiss funds</i></p> <p>Swiss funds will contribute to cover the travel costs of Swiss researchers to India, and the living expenses of Indian visitors in Switzerland.</p> <p><i>Items not covered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipments;</li> <li>• Salaries and insurance;</li> <li>• Expenses for scientific sabbaticals;</li> <li>• Costs caused by illness or accidents;</li> <li>• Overhead costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible costs on the Indian side</b>	<p><i>Travel expenses of Indian researchers to Switzerland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India-Switzerland return flight with Air India, economy class at the lowest available price</li> <li>• Transfer to/from the airport in India</li> <li>• Visa fees</li> </ul> <p><i>Living expenses for Swiss visitors in India</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily allowance of INR 1,100.- per diem for faculty members and INR 1,000.- per diem for students and post-doctoral social scientists plus guest house accommodation</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible costs on the Swiss side</b>	<p><i>Travel expenses of Swiss researchers to India</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Switzerland-India return flight, economy class at the lowest available price (CHF 1,500.- max.)</li> <li>• Transfer to/from the airport in Switzerland</li> <li>• Visa fees</li> </ul> <p><i>Living expenses for Indian visitors in Switzerland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term visits (up to 21 days): CHF 160.- per diem</li> <li>• Long-term visits (more than 21 days): CHF 3,600 per month</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the application</b>	<p>Applications must be prepared jointly by the Indian and the Swiss applicants.</p> <p><i>The Indian main applicant</i> sends the original completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the ICSSR:</p> <p>Mr M.P. Madhukar  Assistant Director  Incharge, International Collaboration  Indian Council of Social Science Research  Aruna Asaf Ali Marg  New Delhi – 110 067 (India)  Email: <a href="mailto:adinchargeics@gmail.com">adinchargeics@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>The Swiss main applicant</i> sends the original completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the Swiss programme office at UNIL:</p> <p>Mr Marc Pilloud  Deputy Head of International Relations  Château de Dorigny  University of Lausanne  CH-1015 Lausanne  Switzerland  Email: <a href="mailto:marc.pilloud@unil.ch">marc.pilloud@unil.ch</a></p>

<b>Application deadline</b>	Completed and signed applications must be submitted not later than <b>15 February 2016</b> . Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
<b>Evaluation and selection</b>	<p>Joint applications will be evaluated by ICSSR on the Indian side, and by a scientific committee called by UNIL as Associate Leading House and EPFL as Leading House of the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme on the Swiss side.</p> <p>Evaluation criteria: (not listed in the order of priority):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific merit of the proposed activities</li> <li>• Anticipated outcomes of the project</li> <li>• Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between Swiss and Indian institutions</li> <li>• Added value of the visits for ongoing research and teaching where applicable, on both sides</li> <li>• Potential for follow-on collaborative activities</li> <li>• Expertise and complementarities of the two partners</li> <li>• Feasibility of the proposed approach</li> <li>• Qualifications and experience of the applicants</li> </ul> <p>The Indian main applicant will be notified by ICSSR, the Swiss main applicant by UNIL.</p> <p>The results are intended to be announced in by June 2016.</p>
<b>Reporting</b>	Grant recipients will have to submit a brief progress report after 6 months of the project, and a final scientific and financial report at the latest two months after the end of the grant period.
<b>Joint Seminar</b>	Subject to the availability of funds, an Indo-Swiss joint seminar may be organised in 2017 in Switzerland to allow for the presentation of the results of the joint projects. Selected social scientists will be expected to attend the seminar to present the outcomes of the visits to their peers.
<b>Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.unil.ch/international/indo-swiss">www.unil.ch/international/indo-swiss</a> <a href="http://www.icssr.org">www.icssr.org</a>
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