Research Proposal   
for the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship

The research proposal is a central document of the application package. It is on the basis of this document that the selection Committee composed of University Professors will judge the academic relevance of the project and if it will be selected for a scholarship.

Seven parts are requested in this research proposal and all of them have to be addressed. The text boxes are limited to the number of characters stated (bibliographical references – see annex - are not included in the limited number of characters/ pages[[1]](#footnote-1)).

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| **Type of scholarship requested**  Research fellowship  PhD scholarship  PostDoc scholarship | **Swiss Host University** | **Swiss Host Institute** |
| **Project title** | | |

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| 1. **Project title**      1. **Layman Abstract [[2]](#footnote-2) (at most 1600 characters, blanks included)** |

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| 1. **State of the research in the field (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)** |

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| 1. **Aims, methodology and foreseen achievements (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)** |

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| 1. **Relevance of the project (at most 1 page, 4500 characters, blanks included)**   For the home institution    For the host institution |

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| 1. **Schedule, timetable incl. eventual field-work (at most 1 page, 4000 characters, blanks included)** |

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| **Annex: References** (works cited only) |

1. Due to automatic page break the limit of 5 pages may be exceeded. Decisive are the indicated limits of characters. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The Layman Abstract is a concise, clear, and brief description of the project. It should outline the problem, the objectives, expected outcomes, including significance of the project to the field being studied and the importance of the host institution. It should be written in less technical language readable to non-specialists [↑](#footnote-ref-2)