



Isfahan University of Technology

International & Scientific Cooperation Office

Leading house of Iran- Switzerland Scientific Collaboration

Bilateral research collaboration between Iran & Switzerland 2017 – 2020

Call for mobility grants with Switzerland, Q1 2018

Background

The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) has commissioned Isfahan university of Technology (IUT) as Leading House for the bilateral research collaboration with partner institutions in Switzerland.

This call allows funding of approximately 4 mobility grants in 2018, subject to the number of applications received as well as compliance with the criteria for evaluation and selection (see section Evaluation and selection in this document for details).

Goals and objectives

Mobility grants enable young scientists (i.e. those with a Master's degree but no PhD yet and with not more than 6 years of professional research experience) to integrate in international R&D. The mobility grants help build up new partnerships through personal contacts early on in a scientist's career and thereby make such partnerships more sustainable.

Mobility grants

1. Encourage young talented Swiss researchers to enhance their career by spending time in an academic environment in Iran
2. Enable young talented researchers from Iran to work on a project in Switzerland.

This early international exchange should inspire researchers to seek international collaborations later in their scientific career.

Eligibility

1. All applicants

Mobility grants can be awarded to young scientists who hold a Master's degree but no PhD yet, and with not more than 6 years of professional research experience.

The call is open for activities in all scientific disciplines and fields of research, including social sciences and humanities.

Host researchers must be permanently employed principal investigators at a university or research institute in their respective country.

The applicant's mobility visit should be for a duration of between 1 – 3 months, and the amount not more than CHF 10,000 per grant.

2. Addition information for Iranian applicants

Applicants need to be scientists at university accredited by MSR in Iran

They need to hold Iranian nationality, permanent residence in Iran.



Partnerships

The mutual commitment of the partners in both countries (i.e. Switzerland and a Iran) will serve as an indicator for the strength of the grant application. This includes commitment of funds and in-kind resources by all partners.

Funding and budgeting

- *Budget for Swiss researchers going abroad*

The hosting partner abroad should fund living allowances for Swiss candidates, while the Leading House will fund flights for Swiss candidates (actual cost up to CHF 2,000). The grant can include living costs, a flat rate for travel expenses and, if justified, a contribution towards research and conference costs as well as matriculation fees at the host institute.

- *Budget for researchers from Iran in Switzerland*

The Leading House will fund living allowances for candidates from abroad (actual cost up to CHF 2,500 per month during maximum 3 months), while the Iranian partner institutes should fund their flights.

You should clarify as early as possible whether a stay at the host institution is subject to any conditions. For example, some host institutions ask fellowship holders to contribute a sum of money towards the institution's overhead. However, the Leading House does not cover any overhead costs incurred at host institutions.

Please also clarify your status at the host institution. Some host institutes demand that visiting researchers be officially employed at the host institution. In such cases, it is possible that a portion of the grant is spent on social security contributions. The amount that ought to be available to the visiting researchers to cover their living costs is thereby reduced. The same is applicable to costs such as insurance, tax etc.

Please note that the Leading House will disburse funds to the Swiss sending and/or host institute only. It will make no remittances to any other organization (e.g. host institution, tax authorities, insurance companies, etc.) or individual. The Swiss institute will be responsible for spending the grant money in the spirit of this application.

The host institution may also ask for funds to cover the research costs. Such costs must not be covered by a mobility grant. However, Swiss researchers may submit a separate application for a bridging grant (see <https://www.zhaw.ch/leadinghouse/> for details).

Application

The applicant must be employed at one of the accredited Iranian universities/institutions. Applications need to be submitted in English to the Swiss desk (eu.isco@isco.iut.ac.ir).

The Iranian application should include:

1. Completed application form below
2. Supporting/nomination letter from the supervisor at the sending institution, explaining also why an exchange with a specific researcher in Switzerland is planned
3. Acceptance letter from the supervisor at the host institute in Switzerland.



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Timeline

Applications will be accepted between:	Latest mobility visit start date:
19 March 2018 – 19 April March 2018	August 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation and funding decision: Within 2 months after an application is received (subject to timely response from research partner institutes abroad)• Notification: Within 1 week after the funding decision• Mobility visit duration: 1 - 3 months	

Evaluation and selection

Iranian applications will be evaluated by experts in Iran. Based on the experts' grading the Swiss desk will make a nomination of candidates to the Leading House South Asia and Iran , in Switzerland, who will make the final selection. Decisions will be communicated to the Iranian candidates by the IUT Swiss desk.

The evaluation is based on the following criteria (not listed in order of priority):

- Conformity with the mobility grant programme's objectives
- Suitability of the candidate and the research partner institute's host supervisor
- Benefit of the proposed visit(s) for cooperation, synergies between the two involved research organizations (previous contacts between these organizations are considered an advantage, but are not mandatory)
- Quality of the proposed project

Reporting

After completion of the visits, the applicant together with the Swiss institute (whether sending or host) shall submit a scientific report as well as a financial statement to the Leading House South Asia and Iran not later than one month after the visits.

Contact

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Annex: Application form



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Application form

Personal details and home institution of the applicant in Iran	
Surname	
First name(s)	
Date of birth	
Gender	
Nationality	
Title	
Academic degree	
Current position	
Home institution	
Address at home institution	
Postcode, city	
Country	
Email	
Phone number(s)	

Educational background of the applicant in Iran			
	Field	Name of university/institute	(Expected) Date obtained
Bachelor's degree			
Master's degree			
Doctoral degree			
Language abilities (add lines if required) of the applicant in Iran			
	Writing	Reading	Speaking/hearing



Employment record (begin with the most recent one; add lines if required) of the applicant in Iran

Name of institution	Period of employment	Position

Major publications (add lines if required) of the applicant in Iran

Authors (all)	Title	Journal	Vol. no., pp.	Month/year

Academic awards (add lines if required) received by the applicant in Iran

Year	Award

Supervisor at home institution in Iran

Surname	
First name(s)	
Title	
Academic degree	
Institution	
Address	
Postcode, city	
Country	
Email	
Phone number(s)	

Past stay(s) in Switzerland



Place	Duration	Purpose

Details of the proposed host researcher and host institution in Switzerland	
Family name	
First name(s)	
Academic degree	
Sex	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Nationality/nationalities	
Institution	
Full postal address	
Postcode & city	
Country	
Email	
Phone numbers (country code, area code, phone number)	
Proposed stay	
Project title	
Keywords	
Present research	
Proposed research to be conducted in the country abroad, including specification of necessary equipment, reagents, materials, access to geographic locations, access to people and organizations, etc. for conducting the said research	
Expected outcome of the proposed research	
Intended start date	
Duration (months; maximum 3 months permitted)	



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Final statement

Person to be notified in your home country in case of emergency	
Please fill out the information requested as it may be needed in the case of an emergency	
Name in full	
Address	
Phone number	
Fax number	
Email address	
Relationship to you	

I hereby confirm that all the information given in this application and the attachments is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place, Date

Iranian applicant