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Funding instruments for research collaboration with Iran

The funding instruments available for research collaboration with partners in Iran are: seed money grants, bridging grants, symposia & workshops, mobility grants, innovation partnership grants are the funding instruments.





Seed money grants

Seed money grants are a useful way to develop new partnerships, especially with institutions in countries where research partnerships are so far underexplored. As there is no notable research collaboration between the Swiss scientific community and its counterparts in the designated countries other than India, seed money grants will be utilised

to stimulate partnerships in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that the project will be sustainable by gaining access to external funding when the grant period comes to an end.

Bridging grants

Bridging grants offer Swiss researchers who have already successfully completed a project with a partner in South Asia or Iran the possibility to continue joint research in order to prepare a grant application for a full joint research project (e.g.

through the Swiss National Science Foundation, EU funding or a national or regional funding body). Bridging grants may also enable the intensification of joint teaching or curriculum development.

Symposia & workshops

On 9 Mai 2018, the Leading House for South Asian and Iran (ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences) and the Switzerland Desk (Isfahan University of Technology IUT) will organise a one-day workshop in Isfahan.

The aim is for researchers from both countries to come together to define and develop joint research projects in preparation of calls for seed money grants, bridging grants

and innovation partnership grants. These calls will be launched by ZHAW (and matched by IUT) in the course of 2018 and the following years.

[Detailed information and the registration form \(DOC 91,5 KB\) \(/storage/hochschule/forschung/leadinghouse/Isfahan_WorkshopInvitation.docx\)](#)

Mobility grants

Mobility grants enable the young generation of 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 collaboration. They help to build up new partnerships through personal contacts and thereby make

such partnerships more sustainable.

Mobility grants are aimed at attracting young talent to Switzerland, and they encourage Swiss researchers to enhance their careers by spending time in an academic environment abroad.

Innovation partnership grants

Innovation partnership grants foster applied research through the collaboration between academia and industry. One research institution needs to be in Switzerland and one in a country of the South Asia region (other than India) or Iran.

In addition, a Swiss company with existing business activities (e.g. with its own subsidiary, strategic partnership or formalised partnership with a business partner in the other country) must be part of the project.

Stay informed

If you would like to be informed whenever a call for proposal is announced, please register here:

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