

SCHOLARSHIPS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Administrative requirements

All applications have to include **supporting documentation**:

- An **updated curriculum vitae**
- A detailed **letter of support** of the application from the Head of Department of the parent institution, together with a **recommendation** stating the need/interest/utility of the planned training
- An assessment of the candidate's **past academic performance**
- A **letter from the Head of Department** of the host institution confirming the **acceptance** of the candidate and an agreed upon starting date
- For individuals applying in their private capacity, a **letter of recommendation** from local/international academic peers or dignitaries
- The relevant [Application for Research Training Grant form](#), fully completed
- A detailed **plan of the proposed training/activity** clearly indicating its specific outcomes
- A **detailed budget** for the proposed training/activity

NNIA Assessment of Applications

Scholarship applications will be assessed by a **panel of NNIA Scientific Board** members with the relevant expertise in a given field and, where appropriate, co-opted established scientists in the relevant field of applications.

Please note:

- Approval of scholarship or grant can take up to 3 months. Submissions should be made well in advance to allow for sufficient processing time.
- The decision of the panel is **final**
- The application for support must fall within the **scope of NNIA's focus areas** of interest
- The panel reserves the right to guide deserving applicants to **introducing improvements** in their applications in a manner that will be impartial to the final

outcome of the application. This right pertains exclusively to capacity building in the preparation of applications for scientific/financial support

The NNIA Scientific Board will forward recommendations to the Grants Committee of NNI Switzerland, as appropriate, which considers global applications. Applicants will be notified of the final decision by letter from the NNIA Scientific Board.

Exclusions

The panel will **not accept applications** which are submitted by candidates who have:

- already spent **more than 12 months outside of their home country** during the three years prior to their application
- already **left their country** at the time of application
- completed **more than half of any training programme** they may be enrolled in

Conditions

Successful candidates have to:

- start their training within **one (1) year** of being notified of the scholarship award
- submit an **annual progress report**, or at the expiry of the scholarship, as the case may be, to the NNIA's Scientific Board
- declare their **written intent** to return to their original/related environment/institution/country of work/origin, in which the acquired expertise will be implemented to improve prevailing/recommended practices in the relevant field of practice

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