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Swiss National Fund

Nurturing the next generation of scientists

The Swiss National Fund supports the next generation of scientists with scholarships and exchange programmes. Swiss Abroad are eligible if they satisfy the requirements.

The Swiss National Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research is a private foundation dating from 1952. Its primary aim is to support untied basic research projects in all scientific disciplines. It has available some Sfr. 300 million a year.

Grants are reserved to people with Swiss citizen-

ship or permanently resident in Switzerland. Applicants require a university degree which can be the licentiate, diploma, state examination or a doctorate. Grants are intended to make possible a period of study abroad and may be had for any discipline. Importance is attached to the intention to return to Swit-

zerland. Grants are open to Swiss Abroad, both men and women, who meet the requirements.

For applicants in the first category "future researchers", at least one year's research work after the first degree is required. In some disciplines a doctorate is required. There is an age limit of 33 (with some exceptions).

In the second category, "advanced researchers", at least two years of research work after the first degree are

required. The work must have been successful, and led to publication. It is unusual to support anyone without a doctorate. There is an age limit of 35 (again with exceptions).

For further information, deadlines for applications, rates of grant and so on, please apply to the Grant Office of the Swiss National Fund, Wildhainweg 20, P.O.Box CH-3001 Berne, Tel. +41 31 308 22 22, Internet: <http://www.snf.ch>. NYF

List of political parties represented in the Federal Assembly

In the next issue of Swiss Review we shall begin with our reporting in connection with the federal elections of autumn 1999. As an introduction, here is a list of the political parties represented in the Federal Assembly.

Liberal Democratic Party (FDP)

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Internet: <http://www.cvp.ch>

Social Democratic Party (SPS)

PO Box, 3001 Berne
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Fax +41 31 311 54 14
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Swiss People's Party (SVP)

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3000 Berne 26
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Internet: <http://www.svp.ch>

Liberal Party of Switzerland (LPS)

PO Box 7107, Spitalgasse 32
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National Association of Independents (LdU)

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Evangelical People's Party (EVP)

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8023 Zurich
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Labour Party (PdA)

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Swiss Democrats (SD)

PO Box 8116, 3001 Berne
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Green Party of Switzerland (Grüne)

Waisenhausplatz 21
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Tel. +41 31 312 66 60
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Freedom Party of Switzerland (FPS)

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League of the People of Ticino (Lega)

PO Box 2311
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Women Make Policy! (FraP)

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Federal Democratic Union (EDU)

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Christian Social Party (CSP)

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Initiatives in brief

“Work distribution”

The initiative “work distribution” has been launched by a left-green committee. With this popular initiative the following new provisions would be included in the federal constitution.

The federal government shall ensure that

- all men and women of working age are able to earn their living by paid work in appropriate conditions – in particular by a reduction in working hours and the pro-

motion of various forms of work distribution;

- an equal distribution is possible between men and women without social or occupational disadvantage of socially necessary non-gainful work as well as service in the general interest;

- all persons of wage earning age may obtain occupational further training or conversion.

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Fees according to the Nationality Law



Those who apply for naturalisation from abroad must pay a fee of SFr 270.– for easier naturalisation or for renaturalisation. This is made up of the federal fee (SFr 220.–) and the fee of SFr 50.– for the canton of

origin for the preparation and provision of marital status papers.

If two under-age children make an application at the same time the fee amounts to SFr 190.– per decision (with SFr 25.– going to the canton in each case). For additional under-age children who apply at the same time, no fee may be levied.

Pursuant to article 5 of the List of Fees the fees may be reduced or waived for persons on low incomes.

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Current popular initiatives

The following popular initiatives are still open for signature:

For sickness insurance premiums proportional to income and fortune

(until October 22, 1998)
Elise Kerchenbaum, P.O. Box 232, CH-1211 Geneva 8

Property rights to be transformed into usufruct or building rights

(until November 20, 1998)
Werner Mühlheim, P.O. Box 8140, CH-2500 Bienne 8

For greater traffic safety inside built-up areas thanks to a maximum speed of 30 km/h, with some exceptions (Roads for all)

(until March 16, 1999)
Automobile Club of Switzerland (ACS), P.O. Box, CH-3000 Berne 2

Work distribution

(until March 16, 1999)
Patricia Staub, P.O. Box 7236, CH-8023 Zurich

For lower hospital expenses

(until June 2, 1999)
Denner AG, P.O. box 977, CH-8045 Zurich

Health at a price within reach (health initiative)

(until June 9, 1999)
Swiss Socialist Party (SPS), P.O. Box, CH-3001 Berne

Exemplary hospital wards

(until June 9, 1999)
Kunigunde Grätzer-Karner, P.O. Box 144, CH-8042 Zurich

Six lanes for the A 1 between Zurich and Berne

(until July 13, 1999)
National Councillor Michael E. Dreher, Ränkestrasse 2, CH-8700 Küsnacht

A second motorway tunnel for the Gotthard

(until July 13, 1999)
National Councillor Michael E. Dreher, Ränkestrasse 2, CH-8700 Küsnacht

For the suppression of the right of appeal of associations at federal level

(until July 13, 1999)
National Councillor Michael E. Dreher, Ränkestrasse 2, CH-8700 Küsnacht

For a credible security policy and a Switzerland without an Army

(until September 17th, 1999)
Group for a Switzerland without an army, Nico Lutz, P.O. Box 6348, CH-3001 Berne

Solidarity creates security: for an optional civil service for peace (SPC)

(until September 17th 1999)
Group for a Switzerland without an army, Nico Lutz, P.O. Box 6348, CH-3001 Berne

Moratorium Plus – to prolong the moratorium against the construction of nuclear power stations and limitation of the nuclear risk (Moratorium Plus)

(until October 1st 1999)
Association “Strom ohne Atom”, Leo Scherer, P.O. Box 2322, CH-8031 Zurich

Away from nuclear power – for a turning point in the energy field and for the progressive dismantlement of nuclear power stations (Away from nuclear power)

(until October 1st 1999)
Association “Strom ohne Atom”, Leo Scherer, P.O. Box 2322, CH-8031 Zurich

For a sufficient range of vocational training (apprenticeships’ initiative)

(until 28.10.1999)
Sarah Müller, Postgasse 21, CH-3001 Berne

For shorter working hours (

(until 5.11.1999)
Swiss Trades Union Congress, Monbijoustr. 61, CH-3007 Berne

For a capital gains tax

(until 5.11.1999)
Swiss Trades Union Congress, Monbijoustr. 61, CH-3007 Berne

For freedom of expression and simultaneous lifting of the prohibition on race discrimination

(until 12.11.1999)
Kunigunde Grätzer-Karner, PO Box 114, CH-8042 Zurich

The individual sovereignty of citizens (installation, as a supreme judicial body, of a Technical Commission of the Senate of a Swiss Academy for Technology, Vital Questions and Science)

(until 12.11.1999)
Kunigunde Grätzer-Karner, PO Box 114, CH-8042 Zurich

For mother and child – for the protection of the unborn child and aid for his mother in distress

(until 2.12.1999)
Dominik Müggler, PO Box, CH-4011 Basle

For a secure income in the event of illness (daily allowance initiative)

(until 16.12.1999)
Swiss Trades Union Congress, PO Box 64, CH-3000 Berne 23