

MOBILITY IN THE SNSF PORTFOLIO

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Mobility in the SNSF Portfolio

Topics

- **Mobility: why bother?**
- **Mobility as an offer**
- **Mobility as a criterion in the evaluation**



"Hidden danger - detection of invasive Goldenrods by UAV multispectral images"

Jasmin Joshi
Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences

Why bother?

Mobility promotes important aspects

- Skills
 - Knowledge
 - Competences and personality
 - Access to research infrastructures
 - Network / collaborations
 - Jobs
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- Research Quality,
 - Impact
 - Independence
 - Career perspectives

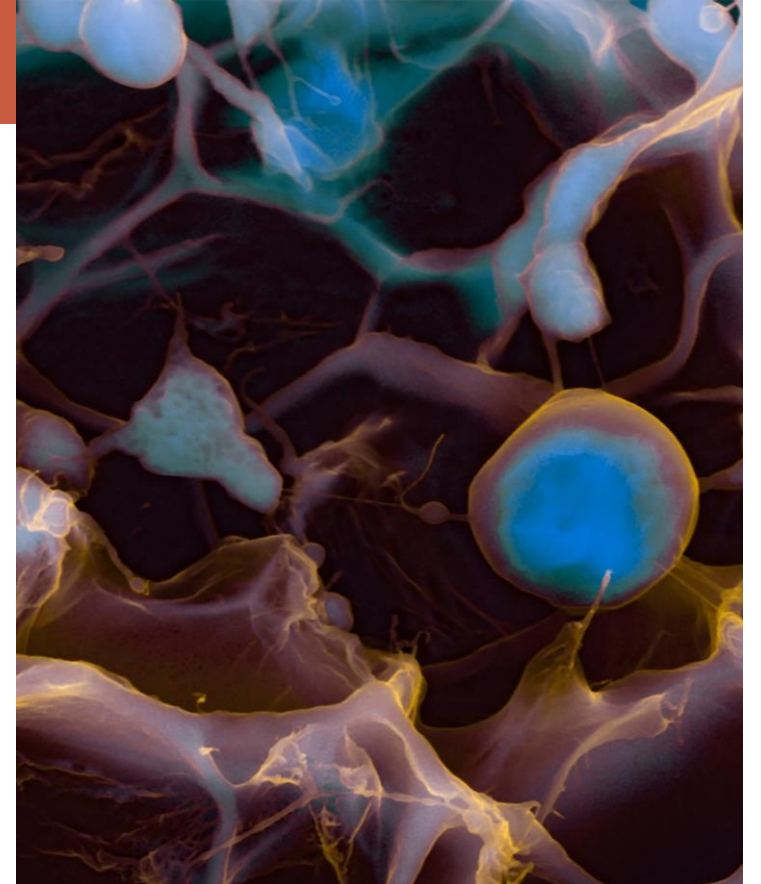


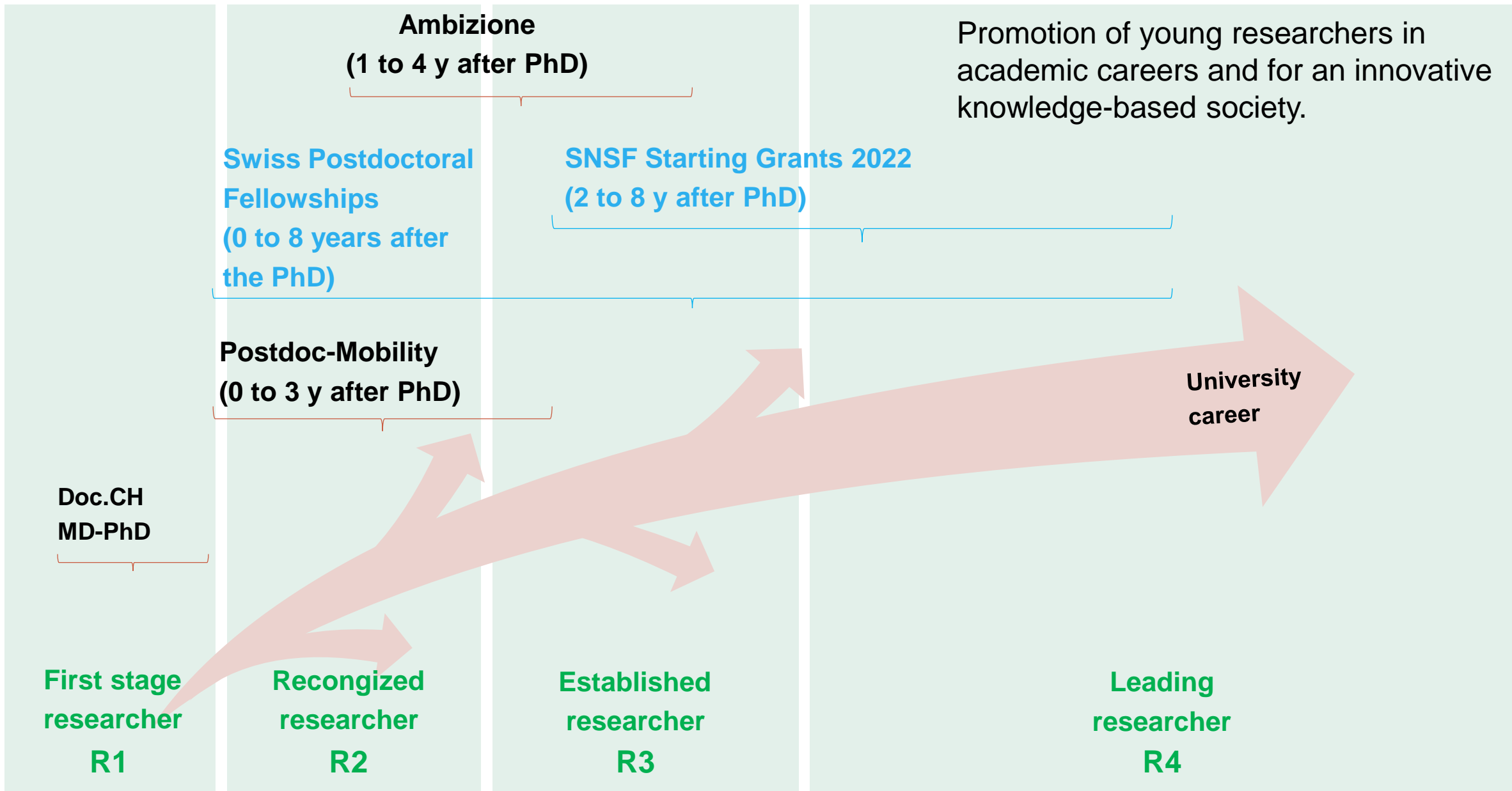
Remise 2022 des prix Latsis et Benoist to Kerstin Vokinger and Ursula Keller

Mobility as an offer

Several SNSF instruments promote mobility

- Scientific Exchanges
- Mobility grants in projects
- Postdoc.Mobility
- Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships (ERC transitory measure)
- Ambizione
- SNSF Starting Grants (ERC transitory measure)
- Money follows Researcher





Scientific Exchanges

Objective

- ✓ host a scientific event in Switzerland,
- ✓ invite colleagues from abroad for a research visit to Switzerland,
- ✓ or visit their colleagues in another country

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ Eligibility as for Project Funding, but work-time percentage under 50% possible.
- ✓ Applicant is always the CH-partner

Package

- ✓ **Research visits** from 1 to 6 months
- ✓ Monthly flat rate for living expenses;
- ✓ Support for participants

- ✓ **Scientific events** from 1 to 5 days
- ✓ Max. CHF 2'500 per half-day for expenses for contributing participants from abroad

Mobility grants in projects

Objective

- ✓ Early mobility

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ Targets PhD students employed in an ongoing SNSF research project
- ✓ Applications submitted by responsible applicant as “supplementary grant
- ✓ Stay must fit into the concerned SNSF project

Package

- ✓ **Research visits** from 6 to 12 months
- ✓ Travel costs and living costs, conference fees up to CHF 20'000
- ✓ + CHF 5'000 per accompanying family member
- ✓ Salary continues to be paid via the SNSF project

Postdoc.Mobility

Objective

- ✓ A research stay **abroad** to acquire more in-depth knowledge, increase scientific independence and enhance the research profile.
- ✓ Aim at researchers who wish to pursue a **scientific or an academic** career in Switzerland.

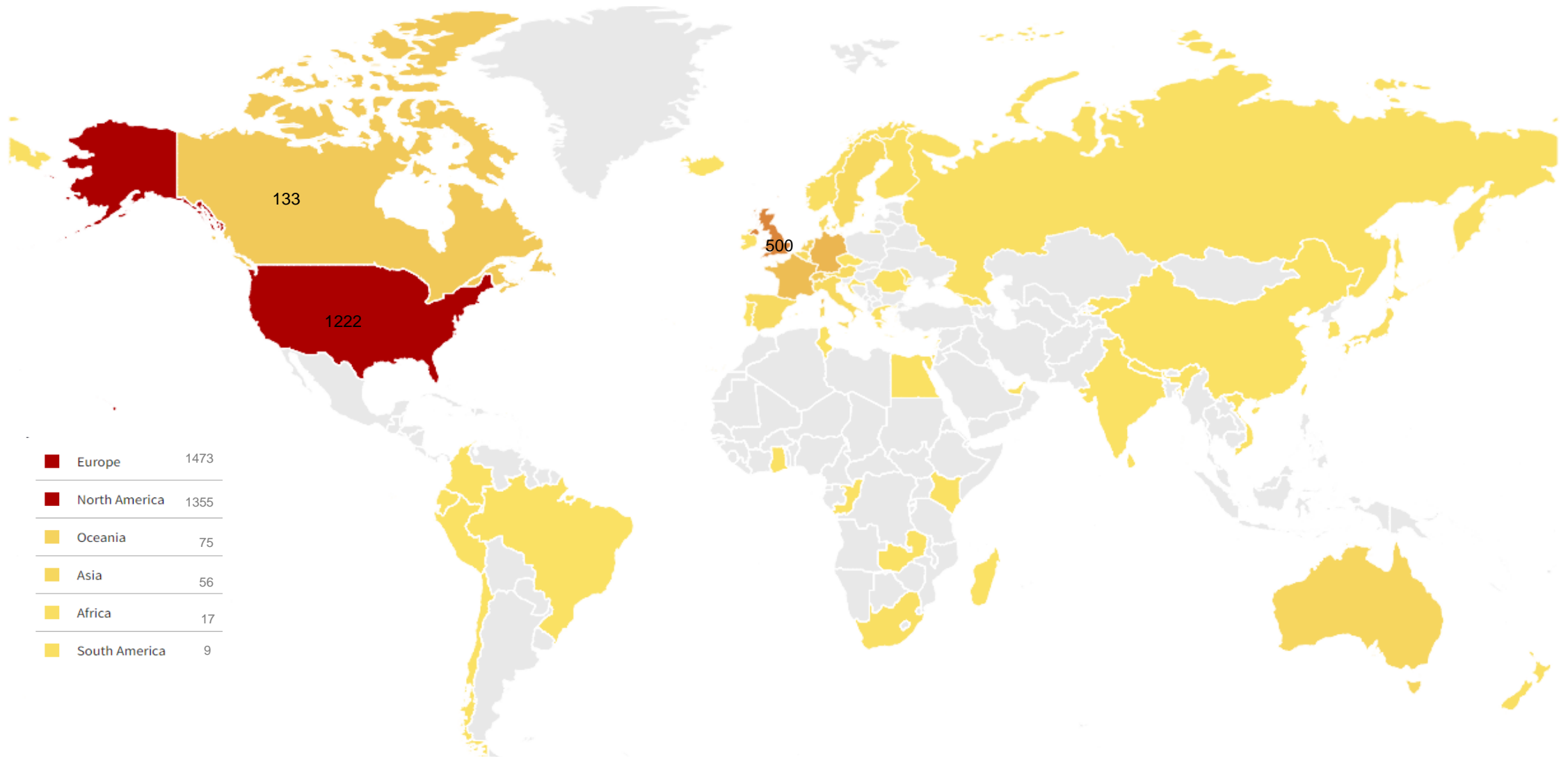
Eligibility & FI

- ✓ Submission: 9 months pre - up to 3 years post PhD
- ✓ Approx. 400 grants per year
- ✓ Success rate: ~50%

Package

- ✓ 12 - 24 months
- ✓ 3-12 months (Return phase)
- ✓ Basic amount: CHF 45'000 – 60'000 (host country)
- ✓ Child allowance: CHF 12'000 per child
- ✓ Travel allowance (outward and return journey incl. partner/children)
- ✓ Research funds (research & conference): max. CHF 5'000 ⁸

Destination of Postdoc.Mobility Fellowships 2017-2021



Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships

Objective & target

- ✓ Enhance the career of researchers holding a PhD wishing to acquire new skills, through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility **at a CH institution.**
- ✓ Transitional measure offering a comparable call to Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ PhD degree
- ✓ Mobility: applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in CH for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately prior to the submission deadline
- ✓ Submission up to 8 y after PhD degree
- ✓ Ca. 75 grants in 2021
- ✓ Success rate: ~10%

Package

- ✓ Grantee's salary at the levels of a postdoc, including social security contributions
- ✓ Project funds up to CHF 24'000 CHF
- ✓ Duration: 2 years

SPF 2023: Submission
Deadline 1.12.2022

Ambizione

Objective & target

- ✓ carry out an independent research project in Switzerland.
- ✓ Ambizione comes after a postdoctoral period, during which applicants have acquired sufficient experience so that they are ready to conduct independent research.

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ 1 to 4 years after the PhD
- ✓ Approx. 80 grants per year
- ✓ Success rate 2021: 17.5%

Package

- ✓ Duration 4 years
- ✓ applicant's salary + project funds (CHF 400,000)

SNSF Starting grants 2023

Objective & target

- ✓ Lead an independent research project and direct a team of researchers in Switzerland
- ✓ Transitional measure offering a comparable call to ERC starting grants
- ✓ Also targets researchers from abroad to come to CH

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ several years after the PhD during which applicants have already achieved scientific independence and contributed to impactful research in the field
- ✓ Success rate: <13% (estimation)

Package

- ✓ Duration: 5 years
- ✓ Position of at least assistant professor, or in case of research institutions that can't deliver such a title: group leader
- ✓ Volume of 1.8 Mio CHF, can include the salary of the applicant

**SNSF StG 2023:
Submission Deadline
1.02.2023**

Money follows researcher

Objective & target

- ✓ aimed at researchers who move abroad and would like current SNSF funding to continue. In principle, a continuation of the project is possible in any country.

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ Detailed request, case by case (e.g. use within Switzerland, transfer abroad, budget items, duration, students etc.)

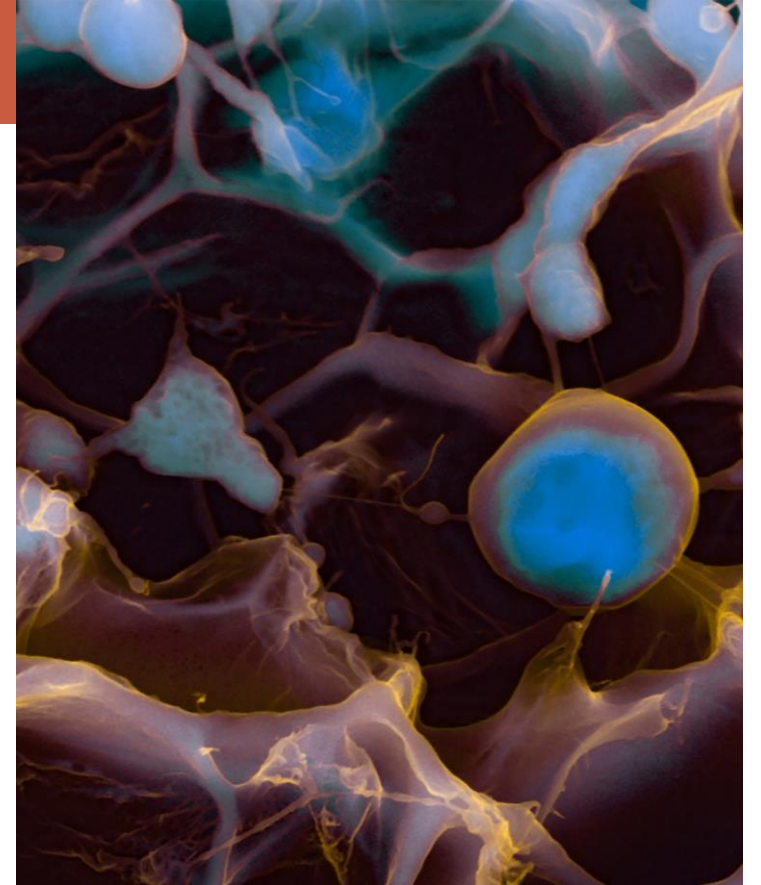
Package

- ✓ The project can either continue in Switzerland while being managed from abroad or transferred to the new location

Mobility as criterion

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- DOC.CH



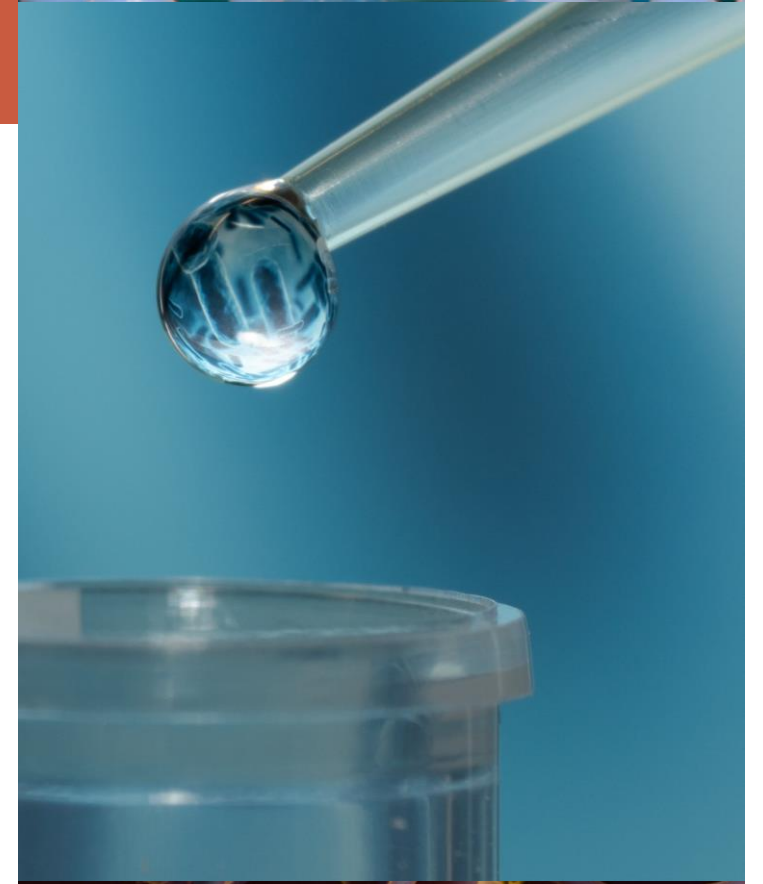
Mobility as criterion

Recommendation compliance committee

Recommendation 8: Ensure adequate consideration of mobility and special career paths.

8.1: Refrain from using a purely quantitative evaluation of mobility (merely counting the number of changes/moves) and use instead a **qualitative evaluation** of mobility reflecting on what was the added value of a move. Adapt forms and regulations accordingly.

8.2: Adapt the wording of the evaluation form so as to help with meaningful handling of **special career paths** (value experience outside academia).



Dimensions of mobility



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- ✓ 1 to 4 years after the PhD
- ✓ Approx. 80 grants per year
- ✓ Success rate 2021: 17.5%
- ✓ Mobility is aimed at enhancing the grantee's scientific profile and creating optimal preconditions for a scientific or an academic career.
- ✓ Mobility statement
- ✓ If no mobility before, then need for mobility during Ambizione

Package

- ✓ Duration 4 years
- ✓ applicant's salary + project funds (CHF 400,000)

DOC.CH

Objective & target

- ✓ researchers who wish to write a doctoral thesis on a topic of their own choice in the humanities and social sciences in Switzerland.
- ✓ may be partly conducted at a host institution abroad if a corresponding request giving reasons is submitted.

Eligibility & FI

- ✓ Master with 90-120 ECTS
- ✓ Very good grades
- ✓ Up to 3 y after Master

- ✓ Mobility as a criterion:
 - ✓ mobility statement in application on past and future mobility (in the broad definition).
 - ✓ Change of institution default.

Package

- ✓ Salary
- ✓ May include research costs

Thank you!



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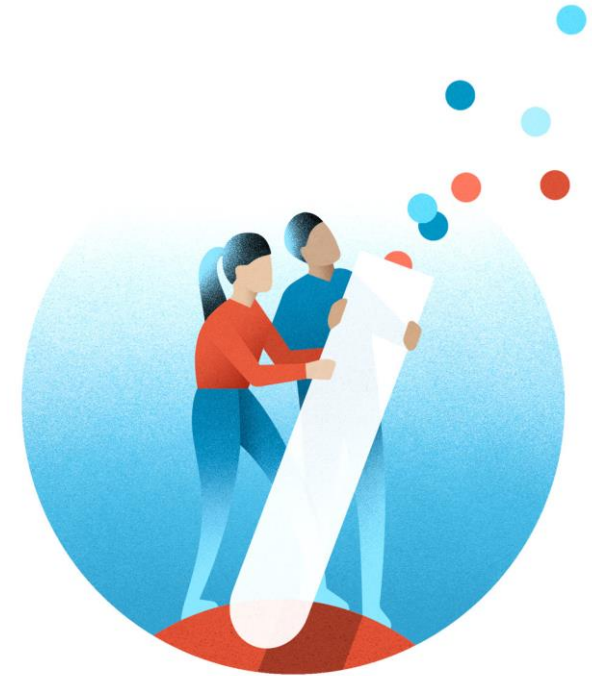
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