



All funding instruments of the Leading House South Asia and Iran

Research Partnership Grants

Research Partnership Grants aim to offer support to Swiss researchers who are interested in entering into research collaborations with institutional partners located in any of the nine countries that fall within the mandate region of this Leading House: **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.**

The grants have three main purposes:

/ **foster new partnerships**

Research Partnership Grants are useful at an early stage in developing new partnerships or fleshing out recently established partnerships, especially with institutions and countries across South Asia and in Iran that have so far been underexposed AND/OR

/ **allow existing partnerships to grow and develop**

A Research Partnership Grant can offer Swiss researchers who have already successfully completed a project with a partner in South Asia or Iran the possibility of continuing joint research with the objective of preparing 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). These grants may also allow for joint teaching or curriculum development to be intensified AND/OR

/ **support emerging research talent**

Research Partnership Grants may also be used to support the next generation of scientists, i.e. those who have gained a Master's degree but who have not yet completed their PhD and who have no more than six years of professional research experience, in becoming integrated in international collaborations. They help to establish new partnerships through personal contacts, thereby making them more sustainable, and attract young talent to Switzerland, while at the same time encouraging Swiss researchers to enrich their careers by spending time in an academic environment abroad.

The call for applications is now open until January 15, 2022.

Applications are accepted from applicants who are permanent residents of Switzerland and have an employment contract with a federal or cantonal university, a university of applied sciences, a university of teacher education or any officially recognised research institute in Switzerland (in accordance with the listings on the [SERI website](#)). Calls are open for activities in all scientific disciplines and research fields. Applicants should, however, be able to demonstrate that their project will be sustainable by gaining access to external funding once the grant period comes to an end. Any further eligibility criteria will be detailed whenever a call for grants is published.

Call Documents



[Call Document and Online Application for Research Partnership Grants 2021 \(PDF 104,6 KB\)](#)

Symposia and workshops

Swiss researchers planning to organise a symposium or workshop with partner organisations in any country in South Asia or Iran may approach the Leading House to find out more about funding possibilities.

Academia-Industry Training

The Academia-Industry Training programme allows young scientists to validate their innovative concepts in direct contact with business representatives in Switzerland and India. The objective is to enable researchers to gain a better understanding of the potential market viability of their research concept and thereby allow them to refine their concept accordingly.

In addition, it allows them to develop their own entrepreneurial skills, which will be an asset if they choose to start up their own business.

For detailed information and registration, please visit the [programme's webpage](#).

Available for research collaborations with partners in India.

Stay informed

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

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