



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Fine Arts Scholarships

Academic year: 2016-2017

Country: Croatia

Opening of the Call: 01.09.2015

Submission Deadline: 15.11.2015

Scholarship	⇒	Swiss Government Excellence Fine Arts Scholarships for foreign students
Offered by	⇒	The Swiss Government through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students FCS
Objectives	⇒	To enable selected applicants to undertake Master studies or research in the Conservatories or Arts Schools affiliated to the Universities of Applied Sciences.
Universities of Applied Sciences	⇒	University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland / Bern University of Applied Sciences / University of Applied Sciences Northwest Switzerland / University of applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland / Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts / University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland / The Zürcher Fachhochschule
Validity	⇒	The Scholarship is only valid for full time Master studies or research in Switzerland. It is not valid for mixed programs (part time in Switzerland and part time in a third country).
Target Group	⇒	Highly qualified young artists from all artistic domains. Master scholarships are only offered to citizens of the countries with which Switzerland has a direct reciprocity agreement in the realm of arts scholarships.
Duration	⇒	The duration of the Master program (according to the ECTS credits). Starting in September.
Amount and additional allowances	⇒	The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 1'920 Swiss Francs. ⇒ For non-EU and non-EFTA grantees only: Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS. ⇒ A lump sum for air fare for non-European grantees only (provided at the end of the scholarship). ⇒ Special 300 Swiss Francs housing allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship). ⇒ 1 year half-fare public transportation card. ⇒ Counseling and various trips, dinners and sight-seeing tours organized for Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship holders.

Eligibility Criteria and specific conditions

- ⇒ Bachelor degree or equivalent degree.
- ⇒ The candidate must not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application. There should not be a time lapse of more than 3 years between the Bachelor graduation and the beginning of the scholarship.
- ⇒ Applicants who are in Switzerland for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship in September are not eligible.
- ⇒ Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the Master program.
- ⇒ Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.
- ⇒ **PLEASE NOTE:**
The application for a FCS Fine Arts Scholarship and the application for admission by your chosen Swiss Conservatory or Art School (university of applied sciences) are two separate procedures. FCS Applicants have to document that they will be admitted by one chosen institution or that they are being considered for admission. Without such a document the application will be rejected.

Application Procedure

- ⇒ The application package can be obtained by e-mail from the Swiss Embassy in Zagreb.
- ⇒ The deadline for the submission of applications is 15.11.2015
- ⇒ Applications have to be submitted in 3 sets with the indicated number of copies (hard copies only). The 1st set contains the original, signed documents and the attested translations. The other 2 sets are the copies of the 1st set. For details see the Application Guidelines available at your contact institution (see below).

Application Time Framework

- ⇒ Opening of the call: 01.09.2015
- ⇒ Application Deadline: 15.11.2015
- ⇒ Selection Interview, ask: Swiss Embassy
- ⇒ Beginning of the scholarship: 01.09.2016

Application documents

(Please provide 3 sets of copies on A4 paper. Please do not staple the documents and/or put them into plastic sheets or binders).

- ⇒ The FCS 2016-2017 official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted.
- ⇒ Copies of all university certificates and grade-sheets (all copies must be attested, and translated if originals are not in English, German, French or Italian. Attestations can be done by the University or a Government Officer.
- ⇒ 2 letters of recommendation from Professors in the applicants field (use exclusively the official reference form provided with the application package).
- ⇒ A confirmation letter from the chosen university of applied sciences (conservatory, art school) that accepted you or the proof that your admission is under consideration. This may be a conditional acceptance with a prior exam or other specific requirements.
- ⇒ A 2 page personal statement emphasizing the reason to study in Switzerland, the importance of the choice for your future career as well as your professional projects at the end of the scholarship.
- ⇒ A full curriculum vitae using the Europass model that you can download at the following address: [EUROPASS Model](#) (**this document is mandatory for fine arts applications**)



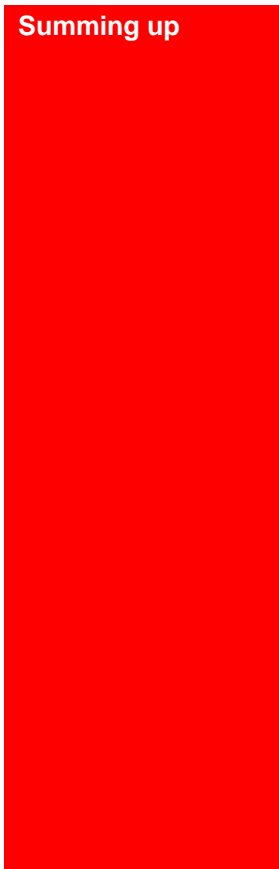
- ⇒ For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: copies or photos of 3 pieces of their work, rough drafts (with date of creation). **imperatively put a label with name, surname and country on the work. If such is not the case the application will not be taken into consideration.**
- ⇒ For musicians: high-quality CD of 3 different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors. Composers have to submit their scores. **Imperatively put a label with name, surname and country on the CD. If such is not the case the application will not be taken into consideration.**
- ⇒ A health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package).
- ⇒ Each application set with two copies of the passport (main page with personal data).



Contact institution for the application

- ⇒ Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address:
- ⇒ Swiss Embassy in Croatia
Bogoviceva 3, 10000 Zagreb

- E-mail: zag.vertretung@eda.admin.ch; vie.rkc@eda.admin.ch
- Tel: 00385 1 4878 800
- Web: www.eda.admin.ch/zagreb



Summing up

- ⇒ The FCS 2016-2017 official application form with photo
- ⇒ Motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- ⇒ A CV (Europass model)

- ⇒ Photocopies of certificates from previously attended university/colleges and diplomas with grades
- ⇒ 2 letters or recommendation professors in the artistic field (use only the official FCS form)
- ⇒ Confirmation letter from the chosen university of applied sciences (conservatory, art school)

- ⇒ For musicians: high-quality CD of 3 different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors. Composers have to submit their scores. Imperatively put a label with your name, surname and country on the CD.

- ⇒ For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: copies or photos of 3 pieces of their work, rough drafts (with date of creation). Imperatively put a label with your name, surname and country on the work.

- ⇒ A proof for “admission is under consideration” at the intended Swiss fine arts or music school or if applicable a confirmation letter/e-mail from a Professor that she/he will supervise the studies.

- ⇒ Medical certificate (use solely the official FCS form)
- ⇒ Two copies of passport