



## Call for Bridging Grants with South Asia and Iran 2019

### Goals and objectives

Bridging grants offer the possibility to continue joint research in order to prepare a grant application for a full joint research project e.g. through the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), EU funding or any other national or regional funding body. Bridging grants may also enable the intensification of joint teaching or curriculum development.

The call is open for activities in all scientific disciplines and fields of research.

### Budget

The maximum grant amount per project is 25,000 Swiss francs.

### Eligibility criteria (all criteria must be met)

- The Leading House South Asia and Iran accepts grant applications solely from applicants who are permanent residents of Switzerland and have an employment contract with a federal or cantonal university, university of applied sciences or university of teachers' education in Switzerland.<sup>1</sup>
- Applicants need to have successfully completed (or nearly completed) a research project with an institutional partner in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan or Sri Lanka, or need to have successfully piloted a joint teaching or a joint curriculum development project with an institution partner in one of the aforementioned countries.
- Applicants must submit their grant application from their individual email account at their Swiss university, university of applied sciences or university of teachers' education (e.g. `firstname.secondname@examplewissuniversity.ch`). **Applications sent to us from other types of email addresses will be discarded and the senders will not be notified.**
- Matching funding is available (please see details below).

### Matching funding

Both the applicant and the partner institute abroad are required to make in-kind (e.g. work hours, usage of office or laboratory equipment, field visits, etc.) contributions to the proposed research project.

The Swiss applicant is required to make a financial contribution in addition to the one in-kind.

It is recommended that the partner institute abroad make a financial contribution as well. Such financial contribution can be funds of that institute and/or funds raised from funding bodies in their country.

### Equal treatment, evaluation and selection

The Leading House South Asia and Iran treats fundamental research and applied research, types of Swiss universities, language regions, age groups, and genders equally.

An independent panel of experts from a diversity of types of Swiss universities, language regions, age groups and genders will evaluate and select which of the proposed research projects will be awarded a grant. The expert panel's decision will be final.

The Leading House South Asia and Iran anticipates to receive many grant applications. The evaluation and selection will therefore be highly competitive.

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<sup>1</sup> With permanent employment at any university, university of applied sciences, university of teacher's education or any officially recognized research institute in Switzerland in accordance with the listings under <https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/de/home/hs/hochschulen.html>



Among the evaluation criteria are:

- Scientific merit or impact of the anticipated outcomes
- Potential for long-term collaboration and follow-up activities
- Feasibility of the proposed activity
- Expertise and complementarities of the applicant and their partner institute abroad
- Matching funding by the applicant and their partner institute abroad

This list is neither comprehensive nor in order of priority.

## Disbursement of grants

Grants will be disbursed in two instalments: 80% after signing the grant contract and 20% after approval of the final report and financial statement. Prior to the disbursement of grants, grant recipients will be required to sign a grant agreement provided to them by the Leading House South Asia and Iran.

Any grant money that was not spent by the grant recipient will have to be returned to the Leading House South Asia and Iran.

## Application

Applications must be submitted as follows:

Step 1: Read this call document carefully to ensure that you meet all eligibility criteria.

Step 2: Download the templates for the project description and budget [from our website](#)<sup>2</sup>, and complete these forms before proceeding to the next step. **NOTE: Incomplete forms will be discarded.**

Step 3: Visit <https://forms.gle/gqx8VjmG84yywdFz5> and enter all mandatory data in the online form.

Step 4: After receiving the automated email that confirms submission of the mandatory data in the online form, send the completed project description and budget to [leadinghouse@zhaw.ch](mailto:leadinghouse@zhaw.ch). NOTE: You need to send these documents from the same email address (i.e. your individual email account at the Swiss university, university of applied sciences or university of teachers' education where you work) that you entered in the online form. **Applications sent to us from any other email address will be discarded and the sender will not be notified.**

## Timeline

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| • Launch of this call:                 | 01 November 2019  |
| • Applications will be accepted until: | 15 January 2020   |
| • Evaluation and funding decision:     | End of March 2020 |
| • Notification of applicants:          | End of April 2020 |
| • Project start date:                  | Must be in 2020   |
| • Project duration:                    | Up to 6 months    |

## Correspondence and assistance

The Leading House South Asia and Iran responds to inquiries from Swiss universities, universities of applied sciences and universities of teachers' education only.

The Leading House South Asia and Iran will only notify Swiss applicants about the funding decisions.

The Leading House South Asia and Iran does not provide any assistance (e.g. travel arrangements, logistics, etc.; this list is not exhaustive) after the funding decisions.

## Reporting

The Swiss applicant is responsible for administrating the grant money in the spirit of this grant. He or she must submit a final scientific report as well as a financial statement no later than one month after the end of the project.

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<sup>2</sup> Visit [www.zhaw.ch/leadinghouse](http://www.zhaw.ch/leadinghouse), click on funding instruments by country, then select Bridging grants