Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training

PRESS RELEASE

THE SWISS GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training wishes to inform the public that the Swiss Government has announced the 2024 Call for Excellence Scholarships from the Swiss Government for Foreigners for the academic year 2024-2025 for research, PhD and post-doctoral studies.

The Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 countries. Recipients are selected by the awarding body, the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS).

Types of Scholarship:

- **Research scholarship** is available to post-graduate researchers in any discipline (who hold a master's degree as a minimum) who are planning to pursue research or further studies at doctoral or post-doctoral level in Switzerland. These scholarships are awarded for research or study at all Swiss cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences and the two federal institutes of technology, as well as the four research institutes. Only candidates nominated by an academic mentor at one of these higher education institutions will be consider.

- **Art scholarships** are open to art students wishing to pursue an initial master's degree in Switzerland. These scholarships are awarded for study at any Swiss conservatory or university of the arts, and is available to students from a limited number of countries only.

Application Procedure

For information on the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships and to view the information on the application procedure please click the link below. Please ensure you select Saint Lucia to view details of deadline and contact information:

https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html

Candidates should pay careful attention to the deadlines of each scholarship.

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Selection Criteria:-

The FCS assesses scholarship applications according to three criteria:-

- **Candidate profile**
- **Quality of the research project or artistic work**
- **Synergies and potential for future research cooperation**

Applicants should note that scholarship awards are decided on the basis of academic and scientific excellence.

The FCS will announce its decision regarding the scholarship awards by the end of May 2024 at the latest.

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