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National Center of Competence in Research—
The Migration-Mobility Nexus
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Call for Project Proposals

The National Center of Competence in Research **nccr – on the move** aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration patterns. Connecting disciplines, the NCCR brings together research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchâtel, the network comprises seven universities in Switzerland.

Co-Funding Existing Projects

The nccr – on the move is offering project grants for research teams working on migration and mobility issues. The project grants run for two years and cover a co-funding by the NCCR amounting to a maximum of 50'000 Swiss Francs. To be eligible for funding, project proposals should address research questions related to the migration-mobility nexus, that is to the transformation of migration and mobility patterns, their economic drivers, legal regulation and the societal dynamics connected to them.

You can find information on the NCCR, the focus of the research and the individual projects on our website nccr-onthemove.ch. Dimensions of the migration-mobility nexus that we consider including more prominently in the research portfolio of the NCCR are for example:

- Comparative analysis of effects and reactions to free movement in Switzerland and other European countries

- Role of international organizations in migration management
- Historical conjunctions
- Spatial/regional dimensions of migration/mobility in Switzerland and beyond
- Emigration from Switzerland and other European countries
- Forced migration and asylum in Switzerland and beyond
- (Empirical) evaluations of the impact of integration policies

With a view to the future development of the NCCR in phase II (2018–2022) the project proposals should adopt a comparative and/or transnational approach. In case the proposals are limited to investigating migration/mobility patterns and policies in Switzerland, they should include a reflection on how the particular setting and position of Switzerland inform the international debate.

Basic Conditions

Applicants

The nccr – on the move accepts project proposals from Professors and advanced PostDocs, i.e. four years or more since completion of PhD. Your proposal shall be written in English and the principle investigator (Professor or PostDoc) shall be based at a Swiss institution of higher education and research.

Projects

The projects seeking NCCR co-funding shall either be in an “advanced” pre-submission stage (i.e. to be submitted to a funding body in spring 2016), in the starting blocks (approved project which has not yet officially started) or in an early stage of implementation (within the first year).

Rights and Duties of Selected Projects

The members of the newly selected “associated projects” shall have the same rights and duties as the members of the current individual projects. This means that they have access to further NCCR funding schemes, they are expected to participate in educational and academic activities, and they are willing to contribute to the NCCR’s academic output.

Application Procedure

Project Description

The applicants shall submit a four-page project description (2000 words), which includes information on the state of the project development (first achievements, next steps), the research question(s), the expected contribution to the academic literature, hypotheses, data, methods, research tasks/milestones and expected contribution to the research conducted within the NCCR.

Accompanying Letter

Please also enclose a letter addressed to the NCCR Director (max. 500 words) explaining how and with whom you will seek interdisciplinary cooperation in the NCCR.

Budget

Furthermore a budget shall be annexed showing how the 50'000 Swiss Francs will be used. Be aware of the following rules when it comes to budgeting NCCR funds: Salaries for academic personnel can be funded by the nccr – on the move in accordance with either the rules of the hosting institution (PostDocs) or the scales published by the Swiss National Science Foundation (doctoral students). Of the 50'000 Swiss Francs you can budget a maximum amount of 5'000 Swiss Francs for travel costs. The nccr – on the move does not fund infrastructure, equipment, publications, administrative activities or overheads.

Status of Project Seeking Co-Funding

In addition, the applicants shall submit documentation indicating the state of development of the project seeking co-funding. We would ask you to submit a copy of the positive funding decision of the main funding body and provide us with information on the status of the project implementation. If the project is still in the proposal stage, please inform us about when you will be submitting it and to whom (the date of submission must be no later than 1 April 2016).

Please send your project proposal including the above mentioned additional information to **nicole.wichmann@nccr-onthemove.ch**.

Deadline for submission is 6 January 2016.

Selection Procedure

Evaluation Criteria

- The originality of the research contribution which addresses a gap in the NCCR’s research portfolio.
- The publication record of the principle investigator (Professor or PostDoc).
- The adoption of either a transnational or a comparative approach to migration and mobility.
- The potential added value to the work undertaken in the NCCR.
- The motivation of the applicants to engage in interdisciplinary collaborations within the NCCR network.

Please keep in mind that the project must demonstrate its originality and value added against the corpus of established literature and that you need to show that the team has the necessary skills and experience to answer the research question.

Decision-Making

The project proposal will be evaluated by members of the NCCR Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will take the decision on the admission of the associated projects in its February meeting. The projects will officially begin on 1 June 2016 (beginning of NCCR Year 3).