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The Migration-Mobility Nexus

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Call for Visiting Fellows

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

Short-Term Visiting Fellowships

The nccr – on the move wishes to encourage its network members to connect with research teams abroad. We are therefore setting up short-term visiting fellowships that are available to both incoming and outgoing fellows. The grants are explicitly not a salary: instead, they are meant to cover travel, room and board expenses during the stay in Switzerland (for incoming fellows) or abroad (for outgoing fellows).

The “incoming” fellowship scheme can be used to host senior (PostDoc) and junior (doctoral) researchers from abroad who wish to collaborate with nccr – on the move in Switzerland for a duration of two to three months. The monthly installment is based on a lump-sum amount for staying in Switzerland, which amounts to CHF 3000 per month for applicants from developed countries and CHF 3500 for applicants from developing countries. In addition, one roundtrip from the place of residence to the host university is paid. Travel related to nccr – on the move events in Switzerland is reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.

The “outgoing” fellowship scheme is aimed at nccr – on the move PostDocs and doctoral students who wish to go abroad for a maximum of five months. The NCCR contributes a maximum amount of CHF 10,000 towards the stay abroad, whereby the maximum monthly installment is set at CHF 3,000. In addition, the grant covers the cost of an outward and return journey to the host institution. We ask the nccr – on the move fellows seeking to go abroad for six months or more to apply for the official SNSF NCCR Mobility Grants, which have been created for NCCR collaborators wishing to go abroad. The Network Office can provide you with the documentation, further information and assistance in applying for these grants.

During the visit, both the incoming and the outgoing fellows pursue a small joint research project in collaboration with the team hosting them. Research projects can either be joint submissions, the preparation and/or realization of a workshop or a collaborative publication. In the framework of the

“incoming” fellowships the academic guests shall participate in the nccr – on the move activities.

Based on the present call, a maximum of four fellowships will be awarded by the Scientific Committee of the nccr – on the move in January 2020.

You can find information on the nccr – on the move, the focus of the research and the individual projects on our [website](#).

Eligibility

The **incoming senior fellows** need to fulfill the following requirements:

- have completed doctoral training;
- be employed as a researcher in his/her home institution abroad; please note that the fellowship is not a salary;
- have a valid health insurance coverage that is recognized in Switzerland;
- have a formal invitation by one of the nccr – on the move partner institutions, which is issued by the Project Leader who is hosting him/her in Switzerland;
- participate in the nccr – on the move activities during the academic term he/she is present in Switzerland (Public Lectures, Research Days, Graduate Conference, Retreat, etc.);
- present his/her research at an NCCR event (Research Days, Graduate Conference, Retreat, etc.);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr – on the move.

The **incoming junior fellows** need to fulfill the following requirements:

- be enrolled in a doctoral training in a university outside of Switzerland;
- be employed as a researcher in his/her home institution or be the beneficiary of a doctoral stipend; please note that the nccr – on the move fellowship is not a salary;

- have a valid health insurance coverage in his/her home country which is recognized in Switzerland;
- have a formal invitation by one of the nccr – on the move partner institutions issued by the individual project that is hosting him/her;
- participate in the nccr – on the move activities during the academic term (Public Lectures, Research Days, Graduate Conference, Retreat, etc.);
- present his/her research at an NCCR event (Research Days, Graduate Conference, Retreat, etc.);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr –on the move.

The **outgoing nccr – on the move PostDocs or doctoral students** need to fulfill the following requirements:

- have completed doctoral training or be enrolled in the NCCR doctoral program;
- be employed as a Postdoctoral researcher or doctoral student at one of the partner universities of the nccr – on the move;
- present an approval letter by the concerned Project Leader;
- have a valid health insurance coverage which covers their destination country by the time they start their fellowship;
- present a formal invitation letter by a professor or senior lecturer working at the host institution;
- present the research conducted in the framework of the nccr – on the move in an appropriate setting in the partner institution (colloquium, lecture series, talk, etc.);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the chosen partner institution.

The **nccr – on the move individual projects** wanting to host a junior or a senior visiting fellow need to meet the following requirements:

- formal invitation/support letter issued to the interested applicant by the Project Leader with a confirmation that they will provide a desk and other infrastructure to the guest;
- permission of his/her head of department;
- settle details concerning the stay of the person with the cantonal employment office and support the invited person concerning the organization of the stay (depending on the host canton, the duration of the stay and/or his/her nationality numerous administrative details need to be settled).

Application Procedure

To apply for the visiting fellowship the candidate has to submit the following documents:

- curriculum vitae;
- confirmation that he/she is employed at a university and/or is enrolled in doctoral training;
- proof of valid health insurance (e.g. European Health Insurance Card)
- list of publications;
- invitation letter by concerned nccr – on the move Project Leader confirming that the demanded resources will be made available by the nccr – on the move partner university (**for incoming fellows**) or approval letter by concerned nccr – on the move Project Leader and formal invitation letter by a professor or senior lecturer working at the host institution (**for outgoing fellows**);
- motivation letter (1 page) explaining why the applicant wants to join the nccr – on the move or the partner institution;
- research plan (2 pages) explaining what the research conducted shall be about, what kind of research cooperation within the nccr – on the move is envisaged and what the possible output could look like (e.g. publications, organization of a workshop, joint project submission, etc.).

Please send your application including the above mentioned additional information to **Robin Stünzi**, Deputy Scientific Officer of the nccr – on the move, (robin.stunzi@nccr-onthemove.ch).

Deadline for application is 10 January 2020.

Selection Procedure

Decision-Making Body

The project proposal will be evaluated by the members of the Scientific Committee of the nccr – on the move. The committee will take the decision on the fellowships by the end of January 2020. The fellowships will officially begin in February, March, April or May 2020 depending on the availability of the concerned researchers.

Evaluation Criteria

- All formal requirements are met (see conditions under eligibility).
- Quality of the proposed research plan.
- Synergies with respect to the nccr – on the move research agenda.
- Academic potential of the applicant and benefits of the proposed cooperation for the nccr – on the move (publications, project submissions, etc.).
- Fair distribution of fellowships among the partner institutions and disciplines making up the nccr – on the move (to avoid competition within the network).
- Scientific track-record of the outgoing and incoming fellows.