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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 migration and mobility patterns. Connecting disciplines, the nccr – on the move brings together research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchatel, the network comprises eight universities in Switzerland.

Outgoing and Incoming Short-Term Visiting Fellowships

The nccr – on the move wants to encourage the network members to link up with research teams abroad. For this purpose it is setting up short-term visiting fellowship schemes which can be used for both incoming and outgoing fellows. The fellowship schemes will be operational in the three remaining academic terms of Phase I of the nccr – on the move; that is in spring and fall 2017 as well as in spring 2018.

The “outgoing” fellowship scheme is aimed at nccr – on the move PostDocs who wish to go abroad for a period of two or three months. The grant covers a monthly stipend of CHF 3000 plus one round-trip from Switzerland to the city of the host institution. The nccr – on the move doctoral students seeking to go abroad are encouraged to apply for the specific NCCR-DocMobility Funding. The Training Officer, Alessandro Lazzari, can provide you with the documentation.

The “incoming” fellowship scheme can be used to host senior (PostDoc) and junior (PreDoc) researchers from abroad who wish to collaborate with nccr – on the move researchers in Switzerland for a duration of two to three months. The monthly stipend is based on a lump-sum amount for staying in Switzerland. It 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.

During the visit, the incoming as well as outgoing fellows pursue a small joint research project in collaboration with the research team hosting them. Research projects can either be joint project submissions, the preparation and/or realization of a workshop or a joint publication. In the framework of the “incoming” fellowships the academic guests shall participate in the nccr – on the move activities. The grants will cover travel, room and board expenses, during the stay abroad or in Switzerland.

They are, however, explicitly not a salary; they are meant to cover the living and travel costs linked to the stay abroad for the “outgoing” scheme or in Switzerland for the “incoming” scheme.

Based on the present Call one “outgoing” fellowship and two “incoming” ones will be awarded by the nccr – on the move Steering Committee in fall 2016. Two further calls shall be published in spring 2017 and fall 2017.

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

Eligibility

The **outgoing nccr – on the move PostDocs** need to fulfil the following requirements:

- have completed doctoral training;
- be employed as a Postdoctoral researcher 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 stays abroad;
- present a formal invitation letter by a professor working at the host institution;
- present their 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 **incoming senior fellows** need to fulfil the following requirements:

- have completed doctoral training;
- be employed as a researcher in his/her home institution abroad; 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, which is issued by the Project Leader that 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 Lecture, Conference, Retreat etc.);
- present his/her research at an NCCR event (Retreat, Workshop, Conference etc.);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr –on the move.
- proof of valid health insurance (e.g. European Health Insurance Card);
- list of publications;
- 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. possible publications, organization of a workshop, joint project submission etc.).

The **incoming junior fellows** needs to fulfil the following requirements:

- be enrolled in a doctoral training in a university abroad;
- 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 organized by the individual project that is hosting him/her;
- participate in the nccr – on the move activities during the academic term (Retreat, Conference, Public Lecture etc.);
- present his/her research at an NCCR event (Retreat, Workshop, Conference etc.);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr –on the move.

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

- approval of Project Leader;
- permission of his/her head of department;
- confirmation to provide a desk and other infrastructure to the guest;
- issue the formal invitation/support letter to the interested applicant;
- 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 applicant has to submit the following documents:

- curriculum vitae;
- confirmation that applicant is employed at the university and/or is enrolled in doctoral training;

Incoming fellows: 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.

Outgoing fellows: Approval letter by concerned nccr – on the move Project Leader and formal invitation letter by a professor working at the host institution.

Please send your application including the above mentioned additional information to [nicole.wichmann\[at\]nccr-onthemove.ch](mailto:nicole.wichmann@nccr-onthemove.ch).

Deadline for application is 30 September 2016.

Selection Procedure

Decision-making body

The project proposal will be evaluated by the members of the NCCR Steering Committee. The committee will take the decision on the fellowships before 15 November 2016. The fellowships will officially begin in February or March 2017 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 of the nccr – on the move (to avoid competition within the network).
- Scientific track-record of the outgoing and incoming fellows.