



Info session Research Partnership Grants

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ETH Zurich: Mandate as Leading House Asia (LH Asia) since 2003

China since 2003

Japan since 2008

South Korea since 2008

ASEAN since 2013



Given by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI



Open to **all** Swiss universities, universities of applied sciences, universities of teacher education and public research institutes.

Open to **all** research fields (incl. social sciences and humanities).

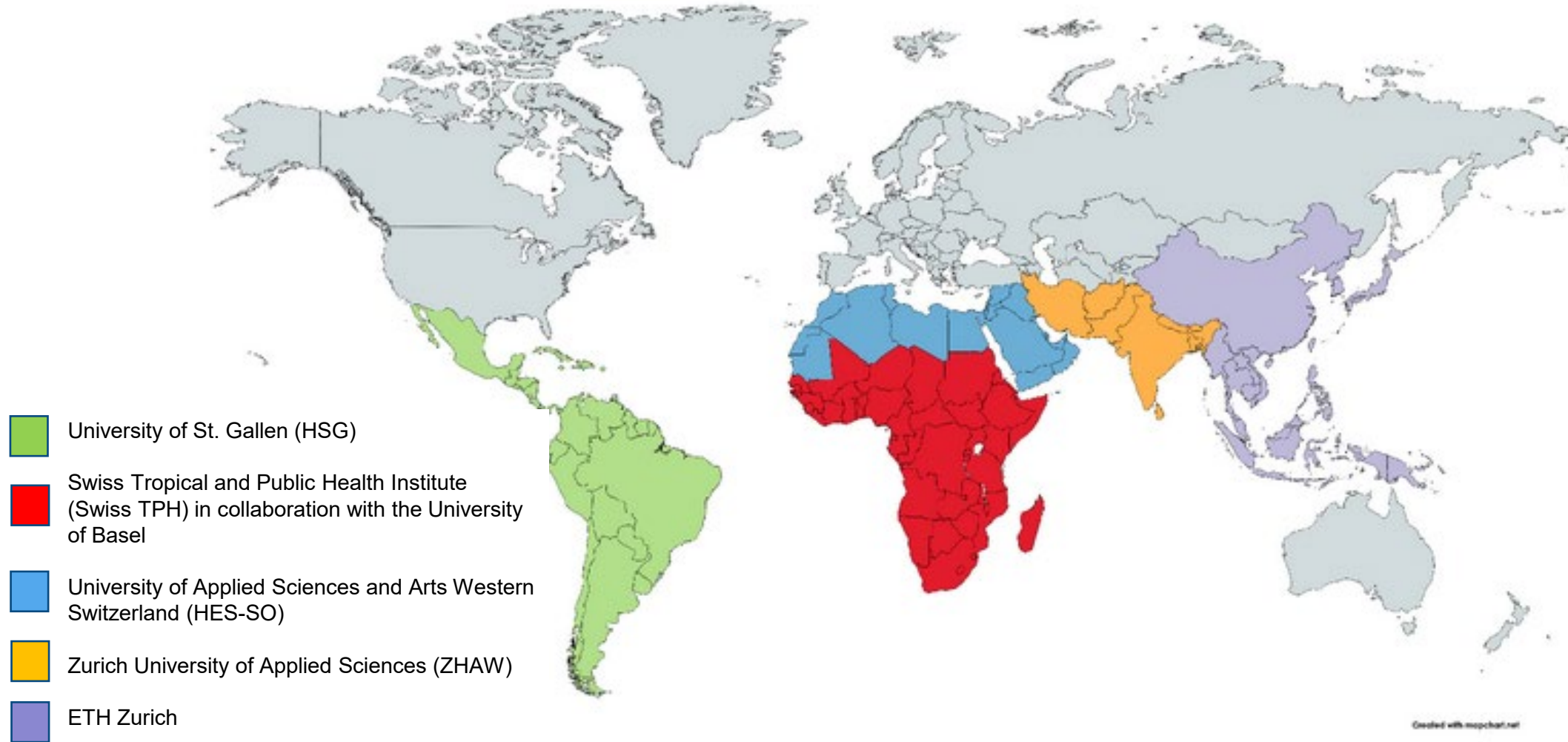


- Strategic planning (funding instruments, fields of priority, consulting gov. agencies)
- Maintaining relationships in partner countries and regions
- Calls and grants management of funding instruments for scientists



3.5 million CHF earmarked for the Leading House Asia programme 2021-2024

Five Leading Houses manage the Bilateral Programmes with emerging science and technology regions



Bilateral Programmes with Asia 2021–2024: Funding Instruments

Mobility Grants

Research Grants

Innovation Grants

Opportunity Grants



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Disclaimer



The current mandate period finishes at the end of 2024.
Post-2024 planning cannot be disclosed yet.



Updates on new calls can always be found on our website or
through our newsletter.

Research Grants

Research Partnership Grants (RPG)

- For **new or existing collaborations** with China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, South Korea, Taiwan, and ASEAN member states
- Grant sum: max 25 kCHF
- Duration: up to 12 months
- *Application deadline: 30 September 2023*



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Goals and objectives



Focus on research projects



Collaboration can be based on **new** or **existing** partnerships



Goal: conduct feasibility studies or pilot projects to prepare joint project proposals (e.g. SNSF, EU) or establish long-term partnerships

Activities to intensify joint teaching / curriculum development are also eligible

Eligibility

Open to **all** scientific disciplines and fields of research

Switzerland-based main applicant (PI)

- Professors, senior scientists, postdoctoral researchers of **Swiss** federal and cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences (UAS), universities of teacher education (UTE) and public research institutes.
- **UAS/UTE:** staff with research responsibility (group leaders, researchers with 5+ years of experience without doctorate) and equivalent functions are eligible.
→ List of eligible institutions available on our website.

Asia-based collaborator / co-PI

- Scientist affiliated with university / public research institute from one of the partner countries or territories.
- Must hold faculty or senior scientist position, or researcher with doctoral degree and several years of research experience.

Application procedure

Online application on the Leading House Asia website

Fill in proposal (template provided) including

- Project description
- Relevance of topic
- Description of collaboration relationship
- Expected results
- Partnership objectives
- Timeframe / workplan
- Agency for joint proposal (if applicable)
- Intellectual Property Rights (if applicable)
- Budget

Upload everything in **one pdf** including additional documents (CV of PIs, partners & other supporting documents)

Budget

Budget items need to be aligned with project activities

- **Travels** (not more than CHF 2,000.00 for a round-trip/person)
- **Accommodation costs**
- **Project consumables and equipment**
- **Logistics** (if material not locally available, or samples need to be shipped)
→ Contributions by **all partners** needed (in-cash or in-kind), no defined sum but > CHF 0

Salary costs cannot be covered, except

- **Partial salary costs** for author of joint proposal to be submitted to larger funding agency can be covered, not for Switzerland-based main-PI and Asia-based co-PI
- **UAS/UTE:** up to 20% of requested grant can be budgeted for work-related institutional costs, covering time dedicated to project by staff (person-hours), not for Switzerland-based main-PI and not for partners based outside Switzerland

Finances

- 80% of grant disbursed after signing of contract, 20% after approval of final reports
- Paid directly to institution of Switzerland-based main-PI (designated project account)

Evaluation & selection

Evaluation by

- Leading House Asia (eligibility & formal criteria)
- External reviewers (scientific criteria)

External reviewers

- Applicants need to provide 3 potential reviewers
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 - Do not ask/inform the potential reviewer beforehand, Leading House Asia contacts the reviewers

Selection criteria

- Scientific and technological merit of the anticipated outcomes
- Potential for long-term collaboration and follow-up activities
- Originality and feasibility of the proposed activities
- Expertise and complementarities of the partner laboratories/institutes and applicants
- Contribution by all involved partners, including funding and in-kind contributions
- Promotion of early-career and female researchers

Timeline

30 September 2023	Application deadline
October – November 2023	Review Process
Mid-December 2023	Decision
1 February 2024	Earliest Project Start
30 April 2024	Latest Project Start

After the project finishes, the Switzerland-based main-PI needs to submit



Financial report



Scientific report (template provided)

Additional information

- The Switzerland-based main-PI is responsible for managing funds and reporting
- The Leading House Asia is in contact with the Switzerland-based main-PI **only**, grant agreement is signed by the Switzerland-based main-PI **only**
- More than one Swiss institution and more than one Asian institution can be involved
 - Ex: Main-PI from the University of Zurich, additional researcher from the University of Basel, Asia-based co-PI from Malaysia and additional researcher from the Philippines

Export control

Activities conducted under the grant may be subject to export control rules and regulations (see [State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO](#)) regarding export, re-export of goods, technology and/or information procured/obtained. These rules and regulations **may** affect the research activities. The **Switzerland-based PI** and **his/her home institution** are responsible for compliance with possible export control restrictions.

Examples of past RPG projects

Humanities

- Design: *SUPSI & Hongik University (KR)*
- Health Ethics: *University of Zurich & Law University (HK)*
- Teaching: *PH SZ & University of Malaya (MY)*

Social Sciences

- Tourism: *Hochschule Luzern & Hue University (VN)*
- Communication: *University of Zurich & Nanyang Technological University (SG)*
- Political Science: *SUPSI & University of Malaya (MY)*

Natural Sciences

- Biology: *University of Bern & Burapha University (TH)*
- Physics: *PSI & Shanghai Tech University (CN)*
- Physics: *Hochschule Luzern & Tokyo University (JP)*

Engineering & Technology

- Material Science: *Fachhochschule Bern & Visayas State University (PH)*
- Electrical Engineering: *ZHAW & Universiti Tun Hussein Onn (MY), Universitas Negeri Malang (ID)*
- Neuroinformatics: *University of Zurich & Tsinghua University (CN)*



Questions?

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Thank you!



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