Insurance for visiting Professors

1. Accident insurance
Visiting professors have mandatory insurance cover from SUVA through ETH Zurich against the risks of occupational accidents. They are also insured against the risks of non-occupational accidents if they work for at least eight hours a week.

2. Health insurance obligation
Health insurance from a Swiss insurer is mandatory for all persons employed and resident in Switzerland. This rule also applies to persons from abroad.
– In many cases, no health insurance needs to be taken out with a Swiss health insurance fund for short stays in Switzerland (maximum four months with no registration requirement), provided that guests have good insurance cover against the risks of illness in their home country.

3. Personal liability insurance
Personal liability insurance is not strictly mandatory in Switzerland, but it is highly recommended. This insurance cover provides protection against claims for compensation if another person is injured or the property of another person is damaged.

4. Reimbursement of OASI contributions
Visiting professors who have paid Old Age and Survivors’ Insurance (OASI) contributions for at least a full year can apply for a reimbursement in the form of a cash payment or, at a later date, in the form of a pension depending on the applicable social security agreement. More information can be found here:

www.ethz.ch/employment > All about employment > Leaving ETH Zurich > Leaving to go abroad

* Countries with which Switzerland has concluded a social security agreement:
Bilateral agreements: CH/EU and CH/EFTA agreement
Social security agreements: Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brasil, Canada, Chile, China, India, Israel, Japan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Philippines, San Marino, Québec, Serbia, South Korea, Turkey, Uruguay, USA

Further information on insurances
www.welcomecenter.ethz.ch > Insurance and pension

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