

## ETH4D Doctoral Mentorship Programme

### 1. Goals of the ETH4D Doctoral Mentorship Programme

The mentorship entails remote support of doctoral students in low- and lower-middle-income countries as well as a research stay of 1-3 months at ETH Zurich (see point 3). The goals of the programme are:

- to strengthen collaborations between ETH groups and universities or research institutes in low- and lower-middle-income countries
- to support doctoral candidate at universities in low- and lower-middle-income countries with mentorship and technical knowhow and at the same time to provide research groups at ETH with additional perspectives and insight
- to expand the academic network of the doctoral candidates to become successful researchers and leaders inside and outside of academia.

### 2. Eligibility for the ETH4D Doctoral Mentorship Programme

Eligible are doctoral candidates who are registered at a university or research institute in any country listed in the DAC-list of the OECD<sup>1</sup> except from upper-middle-income countries.

### 3. Activities and Deliverables

The mentorship is a one-year appointment and comprises the following components:

- Mentorship from one ETH professor, senior scientist or post doc over a period of one year of the mentee's doctoral studies. For this, monthly meetings need to be held. We suggest to clearly define goals of the project, e.g., presentation at a conference, joint publication. ETH mentors are free to serve on the doctoral committee of the ETH4D mentee, but this is not a requirement.
  - The applicant must be an ETH professor, regardless of the position of the mentor.
- Research stay at the mentor's research group (ETH Zurich, Switzerland) for 1-3 months during the mentorship period.
- The mentee can attend an academic conference and/or receive research material for up to 6 kCHF.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2024-25-flows.pdf>

## 4. Finances and Budget

The grant covers expenses up to a **maximum of 15'000 CHF** and includes the following:

- Economy roundtrip ticket (max. 2 kCHF) to and from Switzerland for the research stay
- Visa fees
- Travel allowance to attend an academic conference and research material (e.g., lab equipment) (max 6 kCHF in total).
- Fees for health insurance
- Local Transport ticket
- Accommodation
- Living allowance for the duration of the research stay at ETH Zurich to cover food and other personal costs (paid in cash by the professorship): 850 CHF per month

ETH4D will transfer the grant after the completion of the mentorship against a technical and financial report, as well as copies of all receipts.

## 5. Application and Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and the call remains open throughout the year. Submissions will be reviewed after the deadlines of 30 March and 15 October every year. **The application must be submitted by the ETH professor** hosting the doctoral student. Applications submitted directly by the student will NOT be considered.

Please complete the [electronic application form](#) and upload all required documents in .

**Please structure the project description and objectives (6'000 characters) as follows:**

- Summarize your doctoral project briefly
- Describe your planned mentorship activities
- Describe how your planned activities align with the mentorship objectives
- Describe the added value of the mentorship for your career development

Application documents for an ETH4D Mentorship entail:

- Completed electronic application form
- Detailed budget using template found in the online application

- Submission of all other project documents in a single PDF:
  - Motivation letter of the doctoral candidate (3'000 characters excl. space characters, using Arial/ size 11/ line pitch 1.15)
  - Project description (6'000 characters excl. space characters, using Arial/ size 11/ line pitch 1.15)
  - Work plan and timeframe of the mentorship, including planned activities, in the form of a Gantt Chart
  - Most recent university transcripts
  - CV of doctoral candidate (max. 2 pages) incl. publications
  - Two academic reference letters
  - Doctoral project proposal (if available)
  - Support letter of the hosting ETH professor, including any financial and in-kind contributions