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ETH4D Student Project Fellowship

Criteria Document

1. Goals of the ETH4D Student Project Fellowship

Exchanging ideas and knowledge globally is key to producing world-class research and education. This fellowship aims to remove financial barriers for students from low- and middle-income countries to visit ETH Zurich.

The ETH4D Student Project Fellowship offers funding to ETH professorships to host Master's students from low- and middle-income countries[1] within their groups ETH Zurich for a research stay of 3 - 6 months (91 - 182 days).

Applicants agree to host the students for their research projects in their groups and to supervise and support them as needed.

ETH4D provides funding for the research stay (maximum grant sum 16.5 kCHF) to successful applications. Students are invited to attend ETH4D's monthly global impact lunches and other activities from the ETH4D community.

2. Eligibility for the ETH4D Student Project Fellowship

ETH professors are invited to apply to host students who meet the following requirements:

- Matriculated Master (MSc, MA) students who are from a country listed in the OECD/DAC list 2024.[1] Preference will be given to students from, and whose home institution is located in, least developed, low- and low-middle income countries.

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

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- The student's research project at ETH counts towards a degree at their home university, such as the Master Diploma thesis or a research/term project.

- The research stay is full-time and with on-site presence at ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

3. Activities and Deliverables

The activities and deliverables are shaped by the requirements of the home university regarding the project fulfilment as well as with the hosting professor from ETH Zurich.

In addition, the ETH4D grants office requires the following reports after completion of the stay:

- A financial report about the expenses of the student's stay submitted by the professorship

- A short technical report about the stay submitted by the student

4. Finances and Budget

The fellowship covers the following expenses (max 16.5 kCHF) and will be transferred by ETH4D to the account of the hosting ETH Zurich professor.[2]

- Stipend for the duration of the research stay: 2.3 kCHF per month for a maximum of 6 months. The student needs to cover all expenses from this amount. The monthly stipend is administered by the host professor's group.

- Economy roundtrip ticket (max. 2 kCHF) to and from Switzerland.

- Visa fees and residence permit.

5. Application Procedure

[2] Please note: The fellowship is released and managed by the ETH4D grants office. The Student Exchange Office of ETH Zurich is not involved in the financial transactions at all. The ETH4D grants office transfers the fellowship grant to the account of the hosting professor, who is then responsible for its financial administration. The student will receive the monthly fellowship grant directly from the professor.

The application for the ETH4D Student Project Fellowship **comprises two steps:**

1. Application of the host professor to ETH4D for the fellowship using the electronic application form. The following documents are needed:

- Project description and objectives to be achieved during the research stay including a (max 750 words). Project description should include:
  - Background and research questions
  - Main activities during the research stay
  - Expected outcomes and deliverables
  - Main anticipated learnings during the stay
- Timeframe and work plan in the form of a Gantt chart
- Motivation letter of the student (max. 1 page)
- CV of the student (max. 2 pages), including publication list and two references
- Most recent transcripts of the student
- Support letter of the hosting ETH Zurich professor, including statement of any financial and in-kind contributions

2. Project mobility application of the student through the **ETH Zurich's Student Exchange Office** to gain admission and status as a Project Mobility Student.

After funding has been awarded, this process is undertaken independently from ETH4D by the student. Please find all information on the eligibility and application process on the ETH Project Mobility page here.

6. Deadlines and Timeline

Deadlines to submit the application at ETH4D (step 1) are on **30 March and 15 October**. Please note that you need to submit your application to ETH4D at least **6 months before** the intended start date of the research stay at ETH Zurich.

The subsequent deadline to submit the student's application as a project mobility student (step two) with the Student Exchange Office is at least 2 months before the

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planned start. Three months is recommended if a visa is required. The Student Exchange Office reviews applications on a rolling basis.

7. Selection

All Student Project Fellowship applications are evaluated by the ETH4D Exchanges and Scholarship Committee. The notification letter will be sent to the applicant (hosting ETH Zurich professor) and the student.

All Project Mobility Student applications are evaluated by the Student Exchange Office. The notification letter will be sent to the applicants directly. The Supervisor will be notified about the success of the application directly by the Student Exchange Office.