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Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

ETH4D

ETH for Development (ETH4D)

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ETH4D Faculty Exchange: Visiting Scientist Grants

1. Goal

ETH for Development (ETH4D) provides grants for visiting scientists, belonging to an academic institution in countries listed on the DAC-list of the OECD¹. The visiting scientist may visit ETH Zurich to:

1. Conduct a **short research stay** at an ETH Zurich chair or laboratory.
2. To **attend a conference or workshop** organised by ETH Zurich scientists.

2. Eligibility and Partner Countries

Eligible to apply are ETH4D professors who are hired at ETH Zurich at least in a 50% position. ETH Zurich professors who are not yet a member of ETH4D can also apply and will become a member if they are awarded an ETH4D Visiting Scientist Grant.²

The visiting scientist must be affiliated at an institution in a country classified under the categories according to the DAC-list of the OECD.¹ Preference will be given to “least developed”, “low-income” and “lower-middle income” countries.

To be eligible, the invited candidate must fulfil the following requirements:

- Have a support letter from the hosting professor
- Proven academic qualifications

3. Finances and Budget

A maximum of **10 kCHF** can be granted per visit. A detailed budget is requested, including financial contributions by the applicant, as well as the visiting scientist or their university (in-cash and/or in-kind).

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

² ETH4D membership is open to all professors at ETH.



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

Please note that the following needs to be addressed in the project description (3000-6000 characters excl. space characters, timeframe, and work plan, using Arial/ size 11/ line pitch 1.15):

Research Stay

- Project description and objectives to be achieved during the research stay.
- Timeframe and work plan.³
- Description of:
 - added value of conducting research at ETH Zurich for individual career development of visiting scientist.
 - how the acquired knowledge might be used in the context of visiting scientist's research and dissemination at home institution.
 - interest of hosting professor to host this scientist, including potential follow-up activities after the stay.

Conference / Workshop attendance

- Expected benefit for the institutional relationship between ETH Zurich and the candidate's institution.
- Relevance of the conference or workshop for the candidate's research and career development.
- Timeframe and work plan.³

³ For visiting scientists traveling by plane, applications with a proposed stay of five or more nights in Switzerland will be prioritized, including for conference- or workshop-based stays.



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5. Selection

All applications are reviewed by the ETH4D Committee for Exchanges and Scholarship. The notification letter will be sent to the applicant within two months of the submission deadline.

6. Reporting

After the completion of the project, the applicant must submit two final reports to ETH4D:

6.1. Operational report

One page describing the visit, lessons learned, problems encountered and planned follow-up activities (with a focus on individual and institutional capacity development). A template for the report will be provided by the ETH4D grants office after the stay.

6.2. Financial report

All expenses must be listed and documented with receipts.