



# Junior Research for Humanitarian contexts

## **Background**

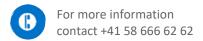
The mandate of the Humanitarian Aid of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is to save lives and alleviate suffering. They provide assistance without distinction of race, sex, language, religion, political opinion or social status. The four humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence guide all their activities. Human lives are at the center of their work. They also provide know-how from an extensive pool of more than 700 experts: the <a href="Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit">Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit</a> (SHA). Its specialists are deployed to implement projects of the SDC or its UN partners before, during and after periods of crisis or conflict. Partners benefit from their experience and expertise.

In order to foster future collaborations with Swiss higher education schools, the Humanitarian Aid of Switzerland will invite few young scientists/researcher of the Swiss Academia to their Annual Conference on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Baden. Here, participants will have the opportunity to present their innovative ideas, expressly designed to tackle any practical problem related to the emergency realm (natural disasters, conflicts, migration contexts etc.), in any major domain of the humanitarian field.

During and after this event several exchanges with humanitarian experts will be scheduled to deepen the dialogue, to support and to elaborate further possibilities.

Senior researchers of the Swiss Universities will also accompany the young scientists/researchers.













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### Eligibility criteria and submission of proposal

- Junior Researcher affiliated to a Swiss academic institution (Master, PhD, Postdoc, other junior researcher).
- Age < 30 y.</li>
- Topics: any innovative idea aimed at improving the humanitarian intervention in the domains of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), Protection, Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment, Health, Shelter and Construction.
- Submission of proposals upon invitation by senior researcher using the dedicated A4 single page form: to be sent to dc@supsi.ch, deadline Monday 02.02.2020.

### Selection procedure

- All proposals will be evaluated for eligibility criteria.
- Heads of specialized groups and the Specialists of the Humanitarian Aid Department will select 5-7 proposals to be presented during the event and to be deepen during and after with humanitarian experts.
- Representation of different schools, linguistic areas and gender will be taken into account.

# **Conditions for selected young scientists**

- Expenses for traveling and 1 hotel night in Baden will be covered.
- 1'000 CHF cash for each junior researcher selected for the event.
- Invitation to the event for all junior researchers participating to the call.

