

ETH4D Grant Types Overview 2024 (last updated December 2024)

Grant Name	Purpose	Funded Activities	Applicant	Grant Sum	Project Duration	Matching Funds/Candidate Contribution	Deadlines
ETH4D Doctoral Scholarship Programme	1) To foster basic research with global impact, and 2) To educate future researchers from LMICs	75% of salary for a four-year PhD	ETH professor with candidate from LMIC. Preference given to candidates from lower-income countries.	200k CHF	4 years	Matching funds corresponding to 25% of a four-year PhD	Concept note: February 22 Full proposal: May 10
ETH4D Doctoral Mentorship Programme	To strengthen research output, networks and training of future researchers from LMICs.	Research stay at the mentor's research group (ETH Zurich, Switzerland) for 1-3 months during the mentorship period & financial support for attending a conference and/or research material	ETH professor with candidate from a LMIC. Preference given to candidates from lower-income countries.	10-15k CHF	1 year	X	30 March and 15 October
ETH4D Student Project Fellowship	To build a pipeline towards further exchange at later stages of scholarship	Research stay at the mentor's group (ETH Zurich, Switzerland) for 3-6 months to conduct a master's thesis or semester project	ETH professor with master's student from a LMIC. Preference given to candidates from lower-income countries.	16.5k CHF	3-6 months	X	30 March and 15 October
ETH4D Faculty Exchange Grants (Visiting Scientist and Teaching Stay)	To increase research and teaching collaboration between ETH and scholars and institutions in LMICs.	Travel and living costs for the funded ETH researcher going abroad or the foreign research visiting ETH.	ETH professor with candidate from a LMIC. Preference given to candidates from lower-income countries.	5-10k CHF	2-3 months	X	30 March and 15 October
ETH4D Humanitarian Action Challenges	To leverage science and technology for humanitarian action	ETH Zurich salaries (PhDs, postdocs, research assistants and interns); ETH domain (except for EPFL) and partner (from hum. organizations) salaries and project costs; Materials; Project-related equipment costs; Field expenses; Workshops and conferences; Travel; Research dissemination; Third party charges	ETH professor and partner humanitarian organisation	50-300k CHF	6-24 months	Matching funds corresponding to 25% of the requested funding. Can include salaries for doctoral students, postdocs, and research assistants (NOT professor or senior scientist salaries)	27 February
ETH4D Pilot Grants	To pilot research ideas to improve the lives of people living from less than \$10 a day.	Equipment, Field expenses, Travel, Fees, Materials, Third party charges (sub-contracts to non-applicants). No salaries can be covered.		10-20k CHF		X	
ETH4D Research Challenges	To develop innovations to improve the lives of people living from less than \$10 a day.	Travel and accommodation costs, Material and equipment costs, Third party charges, Workshops and Conferences. Salaries of staff or consultants in low- or middle-income countries hired specifically for this project. Salaries of student/research assistants, postdocs and doctoral students in Switzerland.	ETH professor with non-academic partner and partner from LMIC. Preference given to partnerships with lower-income countries.	21-200k CHF	up to 18 months	Matching funds corresponding to 50% of the requested funding. Can include salaries for doctoral students and postdocs (NOT professor or senior scientist salaries)	21 April
ETH4D Research to Action Grants	To ensure that research results are being used at scale for the benefit of the global population.	Travel, accommodation, visa fees, insurance, local transportation, materials & consumables, organization of a workshop or meeting, salary costs of collaborators.	ETH doctoral students, postdocs, senior scientist or ETH professors together with a non-academic partner. Preference given to partnerships with lower-income countries.	5k CHF for doctoral students and postdocs. 20k CHF for professors and senior scientists.	1-12 months	X	30 March and 15 October
ETH Social Impact Pioneer Fellowship	To empower entrepreneurship at ETH that turns research-based technology into scalable products and services serving people living from less than \$10 a day.	Salary and project expenses	1-2 individuals who want to commercialize their ETH masters, doctoral, or postdoctoral research	150k CHF	12 months for teams of 2; 18 months for single fellows	X	1 March and 1 September