

Call for Proposals for the *Fonds Welternährungssystem*

1. Overview

The purpose of the *Fonds Welternährungssystem* (WFS Fund) is to support education and research at ETH Zurich in fields relevant to the world food system, primarily in topics related to agriculture and food sciences.

2. Topics

Project submissions to this call of the *Fonds Welternährungssystem* are welcomed under any topic relevant to sustainable food and nutrition security, particularly in the areas of education and research.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Eligibility to Submit

According to the regulations of the fund, ETH Professors who are active mainly in teaching and research for agricultural or food science are eligible to apply for support. The application must come from the professor; however, the funding can support students or researchers in the group.

3.2 Funding

The following costs can be covered for projects:

- Travel;
- Visa;
- Consumables;
- Services and fees (including conference/registration fees, course fees/tuition);
- Education, outreach, communication and implementation activities;
- Meals/lodging (flat rate allowance; for meals, up to ETH Zurich regulations regarding business expenses, depending on type and location of activity: for lodging, normally up to 90 CHF in Europe, adjusted appropriately for other regions).

The following expenses are generally not covered:

- Salaries;
- Entertainment;
- Fines/penalties;

- Insurance;
- Vaccination;
- Equipment;
- Software.

4. Funding Availability

A total of **10'000 Swiss Francs** (CHF) is available in this call. Funding that is not distributed in this call will roll over to the next call.

5. Submission Procedure

Full proposals must be prepared using the template provided with this call. The proposal must be written in English and has to be submitted in PDF format (one file), via email, to the World Food System Center. Please be sure to adhere to the page limits indicated in the template.

The proposal must be signed by a professor who is active mainly in teaching and research for agricultural or food science, preferentially a WFSC member.

Deadline for submission of proposals: **16 October 2020, 23:59 CET**

Email address for submission: **bthom(at)ethz.ch**

6. Review and Selection Process

6.1 Review Procedure

Submissions are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the WFS Fund over email. The following representatives are currently forming the Board of Trustees of the fund: Emmanuel Frossard (IAS), Erich Windhab (IFNH), Werner Mahrer (SVIAL), Marc Lutz (SGLWT), and Martijn Sonneveld (WFSC). Funding decisions will be taken by majority of votes (board members who do not respond have no vote).

Applications may be rejected by the WFSC without being subjected to review by the Board of Trustees if one or more of the following applies:

- a) The application is not written in English.
- b) The application is identical to one that has been submitted at the same time to another grant agency.

- c) The application is submitted by someone who is not allowed to submit an application (see Eligibility).
- d) The description of the research plan is particularly poor (e.g. the proposed project is inadequately explained).
- e) The proposal template is not completed according to the template guidelines or is not significantly complete.
- f) The proposal has been rejected previously and was resubmitted without substantial revision or without taking into account comments and concerns resulting from the previous review.

6.2 Timeline

The submission and review procedure will follow the following schedule:

Stage	Start Date	End Date
Call Open	17 June 2020	16 October 2020
Submission of Full Proposals		16 October 2020
Review Procedure	19 October 2020	4 November 2020
Final Decision Communicated*	4 November 2020	6 November 2020

* Please note that dates for the final decision may be subject to change.

6.3 Evaluation Criteria

The following aspects might be important criteria:

- Food System Relevance – How relevant is the proposed project for the sustainable food and nutrition security?
- Practical Relevance – How relevant is the proposed project for the practical application?
- Potential Impact – What is the expected impact of the project?
- Budget – Is the budget plausible?

7. Reporting

Recipients are required to submit (i) a short summary report at the end of the project / trip / activity (max two pages) and include photos and any other outputs of relevance, and (ii) a contribution to the Food System Stories blog (www.foodsystemstories.org). Additionally, recipients may be invited to events organized by the WFSC to increase the visibility of results from projects funded through the *Fonds Welternährungssystem*, particularly for representatives of the SGLTW and SVIAL.

Contact:

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