



SSPH+
GlobalP3HS SWISS SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH
PHD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
IN PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

GlobalP3HS

The Global **PhD Programme** in **Public Health Sciences** of SSPH+

EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) in H2020

Applicant: Nino Künzli & Sandra Nocera, SSPH+ Directorate

**A co-funding grant to fund 50 new PhD fellowships for 42 months each,
supervised by an SSPH+ researcher**

Grant agreement signed by SSPH+ on 15 March 2018

GlobalP3HS Organisation

- SSPH+ as Principal Applicant (Nino Künzli & Sandra Nocera)
- Steering Board (SB) (with representatives of leading SSPH+ institutions)
- Program Manager (approx 60% position at SSPH+ offices in Zurich)
- International Review Panel (responsible for competitive scoring of all formally correct applications, success rate: up to 50%)
- Lead and responsibility of applications: PhD candidate (not supervisor)

GlobalP3HS Applicants

(PhD candidates)



- **EU MSCA mobility rule:** GlobalP3HS candidates must come from abroad (i.e. 3 years prior to starting date they cannot have spent more than 12 months at any Swiss institution for work or study)
- Applications to be submitted to GlobalP3HS within the deadlines of the calls
- Applicants under “**sandwich model**” highly welcomed (in case of equally scoring candidates, those will be selected first):
 - PhD studies are part of a collaboration with institution in low/middle income country (LMIC)
 - PhD project addresses LMIC relevant research questions, including fieldwork at LMIC; students may regularly spend time abroad in LMIC during PhD studies
 - Primary supervisor from Swiss SSPH+ university, co-supervisor from LMIC
 - *NOTE: It is not for students who do their PhD abroad (i.e. at an other university)!*
- Applicants must be proficient in English (reading and writing) – English is the only accepted language for GlobalP3HS PhD studies
- **Successful candidates**
 - get stipend for up to 42 months, with a guaranteed minimal amount of monthly payment
 - entitled to include an internship in non-academic sector as part of PhD fellowship
 - enroll in a structured PhD program and do at least 18 ECTS of formal training (including transferable skills – but not «language courses»)

Required prior to the Submission of GlobalP3HS Applications

PhD candidates must provide with application:

- Confirmation from a qualifying supervisor^{*)} from host institution to take up the role as supervisor
- Confirmation from chosen host university to be eligible for a doctorate degree
- Confirmation from supervisor that matching co-funding is guaranteed for up to 42 months
- Confirmation from supervisor that the thesis project described in the proposal (template provided) is funded
- Candidates under sandwich model: confirmation of co-supervisor from partner institution abroad

***) Qualifying supervisors ...**

- **Are scientists who qualify for PhD supervision according to rules of host university**
- **Have expertise in the field of the candidate's research proposal**
- **Agree to take responsibility for at least the minimal required matching co-funds**
- **Are an SSPH+ Faculty member (see [website](#))**

GlobalP₃HS Financing Rules

- **EU CO-FUNDING** scheme (MSCA-Horizon 2020)
 - Minimally required stipend per student-month: € 2'597 per month (~CHF 3'090 at 1.19 exchange rate)
 - EU provides via SSPH+: € 1'855 per month (71.5% of minimal total) (~CHF 2207)
 - Minimally required matching funds: € 742 per month (28.5% of minimal total) (~CHF 883)
- If your institution/funder requires higher stipends (e.g. SNSF) and/or overheads, you need to provide higher matching funds! i.e. there is no additional EU funding
 - e.g. if you pay a monthly stipend of CHF 4'508 (= SNSF stipend at University of Bern), you need to co-pay CHF 2'301 per month
- GlobalP₃HS does not cover costs of PhD research project
- Sources for matching funds: any funding source is allowed **except Horizon2020 funds** (e.g. SNSF, internal funds, Cancer ligue, any projects)

ALSO PAY ATTENTION: the chosen co-funder may have rules for stipends!

Suggestion: one may invest one PhD position from funder X into **2 GLOBALP₃HS students** (each one co-funded by funder X) 😊

Important GlobalP3HS Dates

- **Deadlines for applications (current plan):**
 - **Call 1: Open July 1, 2018** **Deadline October 12, 2018**
 - **Call 2: Open December 3, 2018** **Deadline February 1, 2019**
 - **Call 3: Open April 1, 2019** **Deadline June 28, 2019**
- **Earliest possible month covered by fellowship: December 2018**
- **Kick-off meeting of Steering Board:**
 - **Friday, 15 June 2018, 12.30-14.30max, Lausanne (after SSPH+ Faculty Meeting)**

What you can (already) do as a GlobalP3HS supervisor

- Get in contact with your international network in time
- Reach out for potential candidates (Master students)
- Evaluate educational credentials and academic skills early on; carefully evaluate language skills

... If you plan well ahead...

... an excellent, highly qualifying candidate of your choice may apply with a proposal that you agree to supervise & develop with the candidate for a thesis that you may already have some funding for...

Schedule of GlobalP3HS Milestones

| Target Number of PhD fellowships | Group 1: 10 | Group 2: 20 | Group 3: 20 |
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| Call for applications opens | Jul 2018 | Dec 2018 | Apr 2019 |
| Candidate applies to host university to confirm eligibility for a PhD | Jul-Sep 2018 | Oct 2018- Jan 2019 | Feb-Jun 2019 |
| Candidate looks for eligible scientist who confirms supervision (+ for sandwich model: co-supervisor from abroad confirmed) | Jul-Sep 2018 | Oct 2018-Jan 2019 | Feb-Jun 2019 |
| Deadline for application | 12 Oct 2018 | 1 Feb 2019 | 28 Jun 2019 |
| Control of formal correctness of applications (Program Manager) | until 16 Oct 2018 | until 5 Feb 2019 | until 3 Jul 2019 |
| Review (international review panel) of formally correct applications | 17 Oct-16 Nov 2018 | 6 Feb-8 March 2019 | 5 Jul-23 Aug 2019 |
| Steering Board meeting, decisions | until 22 Nov 2018 | until 14 Mar 2019 | until 06 Sep 2019 |
| Decision notification | 28 Nov 2018 | 22 Mar 2019 | 20 Sep 2019 |
| University enrollment | From Dec 2018 | From Apr 2019 | From Oct 2019 |
| Duration of fellowship (from 1 st month of registration as PhD student, including internship period) | ≤42 months | ≤42 months | ≤42 months |

Financial Scheme of GlobalP3HS

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| Funding clock starts | First month of registration as PhD student at host university |
| Funding clock ends (including non-academic internship) | End of PhD thesis & internship but max. 42 months |
| Minimally required monthly GlobalP3HS stipend | € 2'597 // CHF 3'090 <small>if... exchange rate taken as 1.19</small> |
| Amount of stipend covered by EU (via SSPH+) | € 1'855 // CHF 2'207 |
| Minimally required co-funding contribution (supervisors' responsibility) | € 742 // CHF 883 |
| Total effective monthly stipend | Not defined by GlobalP3HS - to be decided by host institution or university or co-funding institution |