



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

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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**



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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
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

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