

Foster Inter-university Initiatives and Collaborations: 3rd Call for Academic Activities 2018

Inter-university initiatives and collaborations in research and training build the pillar of the SSPH+ inter-university faculty of public health sciences. Thus, SSPH+ supports again transnational activities launched and led by the SSPH+ partners. The 3rd call for proposals remains open for continued submissions (no deadlines) until 30 April 2018. Decisions will be taken by the Directorate on a first-come-first-served basis. The Directorate reserves up to CHF 75'000 in the 2018 budget for such interuniversity activities. The maximum amount per project is **CHF 25'000**.

Details of the Call

The objective of the call is to support inter-university exchange and activities that are in line with the SSPH+ strategy and mission¹ and initiated by a SSPH+ Fellow² and/or one of the SSPH+ partner institutions³. We also encourage proposals led by junior members of the partner institutions, including postdocs. Interdisciplinary initiatives and proposals that may lay the grounds for further inter-university collaborations are also highly welcomed.

PLEASE NOTE: *This call does not provide (co-)funding for conferences nor support on-going insufficiently funded projects, PhD theses, publications or research projects. Please refer to other funding sources (e.g. SNSF).*

Eligible proposals fulfill the following criteria:

1. **Submission:** to SSPH+ (info@ssphplus.ch) any time but no later than **30 April 2018**. Activities can start any time but must start no later than October 2018.
2. **Proposals:** apart from filling in the provided template (admin info and budget) a proposal of up to 2 pages (max) should be submitted, including title, background, objectives, methods/approaches/program, expected results (outcome), and a statement about how it fits into SSPH+ inter-university strategy and mission. Please do not add additional annexes / material beyond 2 pages. The topic and objectives need to be of interest and relevance for the SSPH+ community, outcome-oriented, and not in conflict with activities already planned by SSPH+ (in case of uncertainty contact Sandra Nocera, snocera@ssphplus.ch). Please check in particular the timing of workshops/events with SSPH+ in advance.
3. **Co-lead:** Proposals must have **two co-chairs** (or co-leaders) who are SSPH+ Fellows and/or represent **two SSPH+ core institutions - both from different linguistic regions** (i.e. activities led only by Swiss German partners, only Suisse romande partners, or the Ticino alone do not qualify for funding). Junior staff is eligible as co-chair(s) as well. The co-chairs are in charge of leading the project. For administrative reasons, one of the two co-chairs will take the role of the administrative leader as his/her institution will sign as "leading institution"; SSPH+ will do the administration (funding) with only the leading institution, responsible for the management of the funds.
4. **Workshops:** proposals should foresee participation of at least 10 people, with the majority being members from the SSPH+ partner universities (the rest can be from any other national or international institution). It is encouraged to consult also the list of the Members of the Foundation Board⁴ to evaluate whether any should participate. Members of the Directorate may opt in as participants of workshops.

Please note that the SSPH+ office does not take any responsibility for the organization, planning and implementation of any of the proposed activities. The Directorate will take decisions (reject, partial or full funding). Decisions are final. Assigned funds will be transferred to the contracting institution once the contract is signed (50%) and once the short final report has been received (50%).

¹ See <http://ssphplus.ch/en/about/vision-und-mission/>

² See <http://ssphplus.ch/en/about/fellows/>

³ ceb Basel, DSBG Basel, EbIM Basel, EPCM Basel, Institute of Nursing Science Basel, Swiss TPH Basel, ISPM Bern, CERAH Geneva, Institute of Global Health Geneva, IEMS Lausanne, IST Lausanne, IUMSP Lausanne, Seminar für Gesundheitswissenschaften und Gesundheitspolitik Luzern, IDS Neuchâtel, IdEP Lugano, EBPI Zurich

⁴ See <http://ssphplus.ch/en/about/organization/>