



Deadline	Mon 01 Sep 2025 17:00 Swiss local time
Call name	ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025
www	https://grantsoffice.ethz.ch/funding-opportunities/internal/eth-fellowships.html
Focused on	Incoming postdoctoral researchers of all nationalities
Applicant	Postdocs of any nationality with a PhD defended 03 Mar 2023 – 31 Aug 2025 from an institution other than the ETH Zurich or the University of Zurich.
Host institution	ETH Zurich
Expected outputs	Research; (J) Reviewed publications
Call opens	Jan 2025
Final deadline	Mon 01 Sep 2025 17:00 Swiss local time
Evaluation results	Approx. 2 months after the submission deadline – 1 st step results and invitation to an interview (Oct 2025) Interview dates: Nov 2025 Approx. 4 months after the submission deadline (Dec 2025)
Signature of agreement	Dec 2025
Earliest date of implementation	4-8 months after the submission deadline
Latest date of implementation	
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Final report at the latest 6 weeks after the end of the fellowship
Project duration (min-max)	2 years
Allocation for the call	N/A (approx. 13 awards in each round)
Project budget (min-max)	Up to CHF 238,200
Success rate	25%
Eligible costs	Salary CHF 215,200 for two years (including 15% social security overhead), e.g. gross salary 1st year CHF 106,400; 2nd year CHF 111,800. Research expense up to CHF 20 000 (an annual individual travel/mobility allowance up to CHF 2 000 and a research cost contribution budget up to 8 000 per annum).
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	ETH Zurich, Office of Research, Switzerland, www.ethz.ch Elisabeth Mitter, email: ethfellows@sl.ethz.ch , tel: +41 44 632 20 83 ;
Call identifier	ETH Fellows 2025
Call info	The "ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowship Program" supports incoming fellowships for postdoctoral researchers at the ETH Zurich. The program is intended to foster the careers of young researchers who have already demonstrated scientific excellence in the early stages of their careers.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications have to be made jointly by the candidate and their host, who must be an ETH Zurich Professor and willing to act as the mentor of the fellow. • A professor may only submit with one candidate in each evaluation round. • There must be convincing synergies between the host (group) and ETH fellow. • The fellowships are intended as early support towards academic independence, hence priority will be given to applicants who propose their own projects. • The applicant and mentor have not closely collaborated prior to the fellowship. • An application can be submitted up to six months ahead of the PhD defense with a certification of the planned date of the defense signed by the advisor or department chair. • Salaries are paid according to the ETH standard (100%). • Two letters of reference must be sent directly to ethfellows@sl.ethz.ch, at the latest 10 days before the relevant deadline. • Hardcopy of the signed cover sheet must be sent directly to ethfellows@sl.ethz.ch, at the latest 7 days after the submission deadline. • You will be asked to suggest four names of potential reviewers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Switzerland for more than twelve months in the three years immediately before the submission deadline. • Applicants may not have carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) at either ETH Zurich, a research institute of the ETH domain, or the University of Zurich for more than six months in the three years immediately before the submission deadline. • The applicants need to have at least one scientific publication in a peer-reviewed journal or have been awarded a prize for their doctoral thesis. • All expenses associated with bringing you for the interview must be covered by the host professorship. • In case of a negative decision, it is not possible to resubmit application.
Proposal consists of	<p>Applications should be submitted electronically using the online system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a description of the research project and the specific role and input of the candidate, as well as the way in which the ETH Fellow's project relates to other research directions in the host group • a complete CV of the candidate including lists of publications (all dates in format at least month and year) • a brief CV of the host professor (2pp) • a brief outline of the career goals of the candidate (1p) • an invitation letter by the host professor • ethical issues and research requiring authorization or notification form • (optional) certification of planned PhD defense date signed by advisor or head of department if PhD is not yet completed • two external letters of reference for the candidate (sent by e-mail directly to the Grants Office)
Evaluation criteria	<p>The evaluation process is a two-step procedure. Applications will be initially assessed by peer review. Candidates whose applications pass the first step will be invited to one of the Subcommission meetings of the Research Commission for a 15-minute interview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate's aptitude (research performance and potential, track record, competence for proposed work and synergy with the host professor, competence compatibility with career goals); • The research proposal (scientific quality, significance and innovativeness of the project, suitability of proposed procedures, difficulties to be expected and chances of success); • Synergies with the host lab (strengths and skills the host lab, added value and integration to the host lab, ambition to move beyond previous research, etc.).
Research areas	All disciplines covered by ETH Zurich .
Call workshop	None
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help on projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz or +420 220 183 179.
Download documents	<p>ETH_Fellows-2025-2_Summary ETH_Fellows-2025_Guidelines ETH_Fellows-2025_Instructions ETH_Fellows-2025_Project Description Part 1 ETH_Fellows-2025_Project Description Part 2 ETH_Fellows-2025_Ethics Self check ETH_Fellows-2025_FAQ</p>