The EPFL Doc.Mobility scheme will conclude at the end of 2024, until then 1 more call for applications will be issued.
What is Doc.Mobility?
**Grant** that offers **financial support** to doctoral candidates who wish to carry out a research stay abroad in an academic institution.

Possibility to **deepen** their **scientific knowledge**, to **develop** their **scientific network** and to **advance** their **doctoral work**.

**an uninterrupted doctoral employment contract** at EPFL and receipt of the salary during the research stay abroad.
Some figures
Since the beginning of 2020, 24 doctoral students have benefited from the Doc.Mobility grant.
Doctoral program

- EDNE: 1
- EDMX: 1
- EDMT: 1
- EDME: 3
- EDIC: 3
- EDEY: 1
- EDDH: 1
- EDCH: 4
- EDCE: 1
- EDBB: 1
- EDAR: 6
- EDAM: 1
Australia
France
Germany
Hong Kong SAR
Japan
Netherlands
New Zealand
Singapore
South Korea
Spain
UK
USA
Who can apply?
EPFL Doctoral students with the following conditions:

- registered for at least 12 months & employed at EPFL at the date of the application deadline
- Successfully passed the candidacy exam at the time of the start of the mobility stay
- Not be in the last 6 months of their doctoral studies
- Not be funded by a project of the SNSF (Swiss National Research Foundation)
- Be of Swiss nationality, have a valid residence permit or a valid cross-border commuter permit
- To confirm in writing their intention to continue their doctorate at EPFL after the mobility stay and to obtain the doctorate there
What is covered?
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<td>PhD salary</td>
<td>50% by the grant, 50% by the lab/usual funding source</td>
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<td>Travel expenses</td>
<td>1 round trip ticket in Economy</td>
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<td>Research costs</td>
<td>max. CHF 3’000 per year</td>
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<td>Conferences / Congresses / workshop attendance</td>
<td>max. CHF 2’000 per year</td>
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<td>Matriculation fee</td>
<td>75% max. CHF 15’000 per year</td>
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<td>Family allowance</td>
<td>Child: CHF 12’000 per year Partner: CHF 4’000 per year</td>
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Important aspects
Contribution to personal living expenses, such as rent in the host country, are not included in the grant.

Doctoral students will be registered at EPFL during their stay abroad. Their existing doctoral employment contract at EPFL remains in force.

The mobility stay abroad is treated as paid leave from an HR perspective.

Half of the salary will be covered by the Doc.Mobility grant, while the other half must be covered by their usual source of funding.

Doctoral students remain affiliated to the Swiss social insurance system. They continue to be insured with the AVS/AI/APG/AC, Pension (Publica), SUVA (accident).
How to apply?
- a CV of two pages maximum
- the transcript of Doctoral School credits
- a project proposal (using the template provided)
- a copy of the last salary slip
- a copy of any financial contribution received from other organisations or institutions related to their thesis
- a letter of support (using the templates provided) by thesis director, by academic host abroad, by academic institution abroad
- Partnership and/or family certificate, if applicable
Evaluation process
EDOC checks eligibility and formal requirements
Coordinates selection process

Scientific review
The selection committee examines the applications on three aspects:
1. the quality of the scientific project
2. the motivation of the applicant
3. the quality of the host institution

Decision
The committee evaluates each application in comparison with the others and selects the best applications for the grant.

Notification
The Doctoral School communicates the decision of the selection committee to the applicants in writing, indicating the reasons.
What is the timeline?
You must have finished your research stay by June 30, 2025. Federal funds cannot be used after this date.
How is the grant paid?
The amount granted paid in one instalment

(Contribution to Travel expenses, Research expenditure, Conferences, Matriculation fee, Family allowance)

50% of the PhD Salary for the period of the research stay (in one instalment)

Doctoral student's salary paid as usual in monthly instalments
Where to find more information?
Doc.Mobility website

For those interested
- Regulations
- FAQ
- Information set

For applicants
- Doc.Mobility Submission Form
- Template – Doc.Mobility Project Proposal Form
- Template – Letter of support from host institution abroad
- Template – Letter of support from Host
- Template – Letter of support from thesis director

For grantees
- Request for release of the EPFL Doc.Mobility grant
- Doc.Mobility Research stay – Final General Report

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