



## Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences Seed Money Grants (SMG)

### CALL FOR PROJECTS 2014

**Opening date:** 10 December 2014

**Closing date:** 16 March 2015

<b>Description</b>	<p>The Indo-Swiss joint research programme in the Social Sciences is designed to encourage and initiate research collaborations between Swiss and Indian social scientists on topics of mutual interests with the aim to intensify interaction between scholars and research institutions of the two countries as to promote sustainable bilateral collaboration.</p> <p>The Seed Money Grants (SMG) are designed to fund travel and research expenses of researchers in the social sciences between Switzerland and India.</p> <p>The SMG grants can include up to two senior researchers from each side. In addition, PhD students and scientific collaborators can take part in the project if connected to the Swiss or to the Indian applicant.</p>
<b>Organising entities</b>	<p>The Indo-Swiss joint research programme in the Social Sciences is jointly organised by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and by the University of Lausanne as Associate Leading House of the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme (ISJRP) financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).</p>
<b>Priority research areas</b>	<p>The theme of the call for projects is related to well-being along at least one of the following four major axes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The study of concepts of well-being as a multidimensional conception and its (potential) application in India and/or Switzerland, as an extension or alternative to the concept of (income) poverty and as related to notions of vulnerability, precariousness, etc. Search for quantifiable indicators and measurements.</li><li>(2) Research on factors and processes determining wellbeing, including individual and group-based inequalities, non-inclusive development, social exclusion and discrimination of particular groups of society, political institutions such as federalism and participatory/direct democracy, economic instability and unemployment, health, urbanization, environmental risks and degradation.</li><li>(3) Analysis of public policy and its effects on well-being in India and/or Switzerland, including social protection and security policies and schemes, provisions of the welfare state. Studies may include the social histories of public policies, their current modifications and challenges.</li><li>(4) Projects on flows and linkages between India and Switzerland, for example, migration, tourism, capital, commodity and resource flows, and their implications for wellbeing of different social groups in the two countries.</li></ol> <p>Projects can be comparative in a wide, heuristic, sense (e.g. learning from the other country's experience to develop novel research questions, refine and</p>

	rethink social categories in one of the countries) or in a more narrow, analytical, sense (comparison between India and Switzerland, or within the countries).
<b>Goals</b>	To initiate or intensify longstanding research collaboration between Indian and Swiss social scientists.
<b>Amount per grant</b>	Swiss side: CHF 30,000 max. per project
<b>Project start and duration</b>	Projects must start before June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015 and can last up to 24 months.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p><i>Indian Applicant</i></p> <p>The applicant must hold a PhD and/or a senior permanent position in an university/institution located in India.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted only from an Indian citizen or an Indian permanent resident.</p> <p><i>Swiss Applicant</i></p> <p>The applicant must hold a PhD and/or a senior permanent position in an eligible institution located in Switzerland (Cantonal Universities, Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, Federal and Cantonal Research Institutions, Universities of Applied Sciences and other Research Institutions eligible for receiving federal funding).</p> <p>Applications will be accepted only from a Swiss citizen or a Swiss permanent resident.</p> <p><i>Additional social scientists</i></p> <p>Additionally to the Applicant, the SMG project may include one additional researcher and one PhD student, postdoctoral social scientist or scientific collaborator on the Swiss and the Indian sides. The total number of participants on each side should not exceed three.</p> <p>Each applicant can submit maximum one application.</p>
<b>Funding</b>	<p><i>Indian funds</i></p> <p>Indian funds will be provided covering travel cost related to the visit of Indian researchers to Switzerland, living expenses for Swiss visitors in India, and research expenses in India. Salaries cannot be funded.</p> <p><i>Swiss funds</i></p> <p>Swiss funds will be provided covering travel cost related to the visit of Swiss researchers to India, living expenses for Indian visitors in Switzerland, and research expenses in Switzerland. Salaries cannot be funded.</p> <p>90% of the grant will be transferred upon acceptance of the project by the Joint Action Committee. The remaining 10% will be transferred upon acceptance of the final scientific and financial reports by the Joint Action Committee.</p>
<b>Grant information</b>	<p>Funds to cover travel and subsistence costs can be requested for visits spread over the project duration of max. 2 years.</p> <p>The duration of the visits is max 2 months for senior social scientists and max. 6 months for young scientists (PhD students, post-doctoral social scientists, scientific collaborators)</p> <p>The visits should be reciprocal and balanced in number and duration between India and Switzerland.</p> <p>Funding for research expenses such as field survey costs and consumables may be requested as well but cannot exceed 20% of the overall budget.</p> <p>For more detailed information (travel expenses covered, daily allowance, etc.),</p>

	<p>please consult the Application Form and the Guidelines for visits.</p> <p>Please note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the programme will not cover any costs caused by illness or accidents ;</li> <li>• no equipment will be funded.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Applications must be prepared jointly by the Indian and the Swiss applicants.</p> <p><i>The Indian applicant</i> sends the original completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the ICSSR:</p> <p>Mr M.P. Madhukar Assistant Director Incharge, International Collaboration Indian Council of Social Science Research Aruna Asaf Ali Marg New Delhi – 110 067 (India) Email: <a href="mailto:adinchargeics@gmail.com">adinchargeics@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>The Swiss applicant</i> sends the original completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the Swiss programme office at the University of Lausanne:</p> <p>Ms. Antoinette Charon Wauters Head of International Relations Château de Dorigny University of Lausanne CH-1015 Lausanne Switzerland Email: <a href="mailto:Antoinette.CharonWauters@unil.ch">Antoinette.CharonWauters@unil.ch</a></p>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<p>Completed applications must be submitted not later than <b>16 March 2015</b>. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.</p>
<b>Evaluation and selection</b>	<p>Joint applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts proposed by the Joint Action Committee members.</p> <p>Evaluation criteria: (not listed in the order of priority):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific merit of the proposed activities</li> <li>• Anticipated outcomes of the project</li> <li>• Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between Swiss and Indian institutions</li> <li>• Added value of the visits for ongoing research and teaching where applicable, on both sides</li> <li>• Potential for follow-on collaborative activities</li> <li>• Expertise and complementarities of the two partners</li> <li>• Feasibility of the proposed approach</li> <li>• Qualifications and experience of the applicants</li> </ul> <p>The Indian applicant will be notified by the ICSSR, the Swiss applicant by the University of Lausanne.</p> <p>The results are intended to be announced in May 2015.</p>
<b>Initiation Seminar</b>	<p>Subject to the availability of funds, an Initiation Seminar might be organized in Switzerland in 2015. Selected applicants are expected to participate. The objective is to allow the applicants to present their research project to their peers and to network with Swiss and Indian colleagues.</p>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>Grant recipients will have to submit a scientific and financial mid-term report after the first year of the project (not applicable for projects of less than one year duration), and will have to submit a scientific and financial final report at</p>

	the latest two months after the end of the grant period.
<b>Output</b>	<p>The project must lead to an output (publication, implementation of the findings, etc.) or to new projects funded by other sources.</p> <p>Subject to the availability of funds, an Indo-Swiss joint seminar may be organised in 2017 in Switzerland or in India to allow for the presentation of the results of the joint projects. Selected social scientists will be expected to attend the seminar to present their findings to their peers.</p>
<b>Websites</b>	<p><a href="http://www.unil.ch/international/indo-swiss/2014call">www.unil.ch/international/indo-swiss/2014call</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.icssr.org">www.icssr.org</a></p>
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