

PHD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

# **GlobalP3HS**

# The SSPH+ Global PhD Program in Public Health Sciences co-funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (Horizon 2020 - COFUND)

GlobalP<sub>3</sub>HS is an innovative Swiss doctoral program designed to competitively recruit exceptionally talented students from all over the world. Young scientists interested in proposing, learning, and performing cutting-edge research in public health sciences and keen to become the next generation of public health leaders in both the academic and non-academic sector, are invited to apply for one of, in total, 50 doctoral fellowships of up to 42 months in duration.

Particularly welcomed and encouraged are applications under the sandwich model - a successful model to build sustainable research capacity in low and middle income countries (LMIC). The model includes a LMIC partnership for the PhD thesis, shared supervision, fieldwork and/or research stays in the LMIC.

## **Conditions for participation**

- > Applicants must hold a Master's degree
- > Applicants must fulfil the mobility rules of MSCA (coming from abroad)
- > Applicants must find an SSPH+ Faculty member who agrees on acting as PhD supervisor
- > Applicants must be eligible for a PhD at the Swiss university of their chosen supervisor

#### **Selection procedure**

A total of 50 students are competitively selected based on an international review process. Applications are welcome from:

- > 2 July to 12 October 2018 (Call 1)
- > 3 December 2018 to 1 February 2019 (Call 2)
- > 1 April to 28 June 2019 (Call 3)

For further information contact globalp3hs@ssphplus.ch

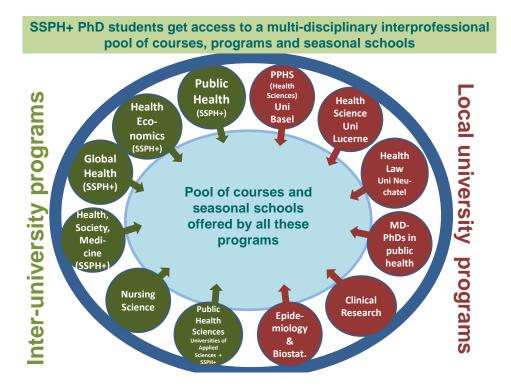


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### **Structured PhD Programs in Public Health Sciences**

With the "Bologna reform," the European academic community launched strategies to strengthen PhD education. To sharpen PhD training and to strengthen the skills and competencies of PhD students on an increasingly competitive job market, Swiss universities promoted structured PhD programs. SSPH+ as the inter-university national faculty in public health sciences has been very active in this movement. Meanwhile, the SSPH+ network partners lead several local or inter-university PhD programs. These offer a broad range of inter-university courses, modules, and seasonal schools relevant for the research career of PhD students. SSPH+ program offers are freely accessible to PhD students from all SSPH+ partners (see figure below). Registered students must not only comply with all regulations and minimal standards set by the universities, but fulfill additional quality requirements (e.g. attain at least 18 ECTS during their studies). Networking events and workshops strengthen inter-university and inter-professional exchange and collaboration.



#### About SSPH+

SSPH+ assembles public health sciences across Switzerland into one national inter-university faculty. Our faculty's expertise mirrors the scientific and professional field of public health, which encompasses a broad range of disciplines, spread across universities, faculties, and institutions. In a small country like Switzerland, no single institution has the critical mass needed to cover all public health relevant academic areas, and Swiss federal structures have, thus far, produced a fractioned and disparate public health system. The SSPH+ "virtual inter-university faculty" provides a promising base from which to strengthen a cohesive and competent public health structure. At this stage, the SSPH+ Foundation incorporates eight Swiss universities. However, the Foundation's plan is to expand our membership in the upcoming years.