Student Mobility for Studies (SMS)

General
The following information is aimed at the International Relations Offices of Swiss higher education institutions. It includes the basic conditions for the promotion of student mobility for study purposes (outgoing/incoming) and is not exhaustive. For detailed information, see the SEMP Programme Guide¹.

Description
Promotion of the mobility of students who, for the purposes of study, spend a limited period at a partner institution of their home university. Partner institutions can be located in Europe or any other country in the world.

Eligibility to apply
All officially accredited Swiss higher education institutions as well as colleges of higher education with federally recognised study and training programmes for higher education which have acquired an LLP Charter for Higher Education or a SEMP Charter and are thereby accepting the General Obligations and Official Quality Principles. Mobility is based on an inter-institutional agreement.

Applications for funding can be made once a year for mobility projects starting 1st of June.

Conditions for the awarding of grants

- Mobility to or from a Programme Country
- For each study cycle (Bachelor’s, Master’s, PhD), one or more mobility period of at least two months up to max. 12 months in total (studies and traineeship)
- Application and selection for a mobility is possible only before the start of the period to be spent abroad
- It is possible to extend the length of stay
- Grant for eco-friendly travel for students travelling by a low-emissions means of transport such as train, bus, or car-pool

Grants

- Flat-rate amounts for students staying abroad for one trimester/term, one semester, or longer stays

Organisational support (OS)

- Flat-rate amounts for the respective higher education institution for the organisation of each mobility carried out

Selection of participants

- Carried out through the home institution. Students must be enrolled at a higher education institution.
- Conditions are fair and transparent selection procedures and criteria. The institutions are obliged to guarantee that there are no conflicts of interest on the selection committee.

¹ See www.movetia.ch/iro
### Compulsory mobility documents

1. **Declaration of Honour:** Signed by the students. With this document, the end beneficiary confirms to accept the funding and to use it appropriately and, if the stay is discontinued, to make a reimbursement.

2. **Learning Agreement:** Agreement among students, home and host institution. Essential and integral part of the mobility, ensures accreditation of the study achievements made abroad. The Certificate of Attendance can be used as a mobility document.

### Inclusion - Special needs

Higher education institutions are required to allow people with disabilities or documented health problems (physical or mental) to participate in mobility activities. For these mobilities, additional funding can be applied for.