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The Migration-Mobility Nexus

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Call for Visiting Fellows

Fall Term 2025

The National Center of Competence in Research **nccr – on the move** aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary phenomena related to migration and mobility in Switzerland and beyond. Connecting disciplines, the NCCR brings together eleven research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchâtel, the network comprises eight universities in Switzerland.

Incoming Short-Term Visiting Fellowships

To enhance international exchange and cooperation, the nccr – on the move offers short-term incoming Visiting Fellowships. The Fellowship Scheme can be used to host senior (PostDoc) and junior (doctoral students and Master's degree holders) researchers from abroad, who wish to collaborate with the nccr – on the move for a duration of two to three months. Applications from researchers coming from or based in a low or middle-income country are particularly encouraged.

Based on the approved length of stay, the NCCR determines a lump sum for each Fellowship to cover living and travel expenses. The lump sum is calculated on the basis of a monthly stipend of CHF 3,500, plus expenses for one roundtrip from the place of residence to the host university and the travel expenses to nccr – on the move events within Switzerland.

During the visit, the Fellows pursue a small joint research project in collaboration with the research team hosting them. Such projects can include, but are not limited to, cooperative small-scale research, the elaboration of a joint research proposal, the preparation and/or realization of a workshop, or a joint publication. The Fellows are also expected to participate in the nccr – on the move activities during their stay, and present their research at an NCCR event.

Candidates should identify in their application **one** of the following research teams – Individual Project (IP) – they may be interested in joining and being hosted by in Fall 2025:

IP40: [Narratives of Crisis and Their Influence in Shaping Discourses and Policies of Migration and Mobility](#)

IP41: [A European Desert? The Territorial Economics and Politics of Emigration in Crisis Regions](#)

IP43: [Attitudes Towards Migration and Democracy in Times of Intertwined Crises](#)

*Important: For IP43, applications are only accepted for **Subproject one**: *How Identity, Emotions and Ideology Shape Immigration Attitudes in Intertwined Societal Crises* (led by Prof Eva Green), and for a candidate conducting research with multilevel models using survey data.*

IP45: [Dealing with Crises and Liminal Situations: The Agency of Ukrainian and Syrian Forced Migrants in Three National Contexts](#)

More information on the nccr – on the move, the focus of the research, and the Projects can be found on our [website](#). **Only the research teams listed above will consider applications for this call.**

Eligibility

Applying **Senior Fellows** need to fulfill the following requirements:

- have completed doctoral training;
- provide the names of two referees (upon request from inviting Projects, candidates may be asked to submit recommendation letters);
- choose and indicate one Project as a potential host (depending on affinities with their research);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr – on the move and with members of the NCCR, in particular with the Project they would like to be hosted by;
- not have a professorship or other tenured position in a university located in a country listed under category A identified by the International Sociological Association (ISA) at the time of application;
- not have a permanent affiliation and/or a permanent residence in Switzerland at the time of application.

Applying **Junior Fellows** need to fulfill the following requirements:

- be enrolled in a doctoral training program in a university abroad, or be in possession of a Master's degree;
- provide the names of two referees (upon request from inviting Projects, candidates may be asked to submit recommendation letters);
- indicate one Project as a potential host (depending on affinities with their research);
- present a research plan that illustrates potential synergies and collaborations with the work undertaken in the nccr – on the move and with members of the NCCR, in particular with the Project they would like to be hosted by;
- not have a permanent affiliation and/or a permanent residence in Switzerland at the time of application.

Application Procedure

Applicants have to register through this [link](#) and upload the following documents:

- curriculum vitae;
- name and contact of two referees;
- confirmation that they have a Master's or a PhD degree, or that they are enrolled in doctoral training;
- list of publications (if applicable);
- motivation letter (one page) explaining why the applicant wants to join the nccr – on the move and the partner institution(s) and **indicating one Project as potential host (depending on affinities with their research)**;
- research plan (two pages) describing the planned research and its relevance for the nccr – on the move, the nature of the planned cooperation within NCCR members, and in particular with the Project they would like to be hosted by, and the expected output (e.g., publications, a workshop, joint project submission, etc.).

Deadline for applications is 15 March 2025.

Please note that the Fellowship is not a salary, and that it is only meant to cover the living and travel costs linked to the stay in Switzerland. Please also note that obtaining a travel visa is subject to acceptance by Swiss authorities.

Upon the award of the Fellowship, and prior to their travel to Switzerland, the Fellow will have to provide proof of valid health insurance (e.g., European Health Insurance Card or “Schengen Insurance”).

Selection Procedure

The decision regarding the final selection will be based on the following criteria:

- all formal requirements are met (see conditions under eligibility);
- the research team chosen by the applicant is willing to receive the Visiting Fellow;
- quality of the proposed research plan;
- synergies with respect to the nccr – on the move research agenda;
- academic potential of the applicant and benefits of the proposed cooperation for the nccr – on the move (publications, project submissions, etc.);
- scientific track record of the applicant;
- **in case of applications meeting all the previous criteria and of equal quality, priority will be given to:**
 - candidates which have not previously worked in the NCCR and/or have not previously co-published with members of the NCCR.
 - scholars who are based or coming from countries listed under categories B and C identified by the [International Sociological Association \(ISA\)](#).
 - early career researchers or scholars without a fixed-term position.

The final decision on the Fellowships will be made by mid-June 2025. The Fellowships will officially begin in September, October or November 2025, as agreed between the Fellow and the research team hosting them.

More information

For more information, you may watch the [video](#) of the information session that was recorded for the previous call (Spring 2025). **Please bear in mind that deadlines and research teams (Individual Projects-IP) listed for this call are different from the ones mentioned in the video.**

For any questions, please contact [Lucas Oesch](#), Scientific Officer of the nccr – on the move at visiting@nccr-onthemove.ch.