

Webinar: Study in Switzerland

Date: Tuesday 31 August 2021

Time: 4.30pm

Link: Zoom Webinars hosted by the Embassy of Switzerland

Purpose

The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are a global initiative by the Swiss Government aiming to foster international research collaboration. South Africa being a strategic partner of the Swiss State Secretariat of Education, Research and Innovation, is allocated up to 15 scholarship positions every year. 2020 was so far the most successful year of received and granted applications with a total of 11 researchers leaving to Switzerland in 2021. This success is a result of continuous promotion efforts of the Embassy of Switzerland, the collaboration with local universities, underlined by the rise of social media and most importantly the establishment of the DHET International Scholarship Office. After last year's successful implementation of an information webinar, the Swiss Embassy is aiming to further expand the webinar format this year continuing the efforts to promote the scholarships and provide support to interested applicants.

Programme

Time	Programme point	Speaker
16h30	Session start by the moderator	Raphaela Kübler
16h35	Welcome words by Jacqueline Friedenthal, Science Counselor, Embassy of Switzerland	Jacqueline Friedenthal
16h40	Words by Mr. Khaya Sishuba, Director Bilateral Relations, Department of Science and Innovation	Khaya Sishuba
16h45	Words by Ms. Ruth Roberts, Director: International Scholarships, Department of Higher Education and Training	Ruth Roberts
16h50	Presentation on Studying in Switzerland/Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships by Raphaela Kübler, Programme Officer, Embassy of Switzerland	Raphaela Kübler
17h30	Input from ESKAS Alumni, Itani Given Madiba (PhD Alumni with iThemba Labs and EPMA) 2016	tbc
17h40	Questions and Answers through Q&A box	Raphaela Kübler
17h55	Thank you and closing	Raphaela Kübler