

Solidarity fund foundation for foreign Students in Zurich

General Information

The Solidarity Fund supports foreign students who are enrolled at ETH Zurich or the University of Zurich. It gives them access to education and fosters internationality and diversity. It offers equal opportunities to foreign students who find themselves in difficult financial circumstances. The Solidarity Fund is financed by voluntary contributions from students and professors from both universities. It was founded in 1976 as an association and became a foundation in 1982.

Students residing in Switzerland for study purposes only must also apply for scholarships in their home country and provide necessary proof.

Scholarships from the Solidarity Fund Foundation are intended to provide subsidiary funding to other scholarships and do not cover the entire cost of living. They can be granted until graduation, but for a maximum of ten semesters – of which a maximum of seven semesters in the Bachelor's degree programme and a maximum of five semesters in the Master's degree programme.

Eligibility / Academic Achievements

In addition to the financial situation of the student and his/her parents, all students need to demonstrate an adequate progress within their studies.

Requirements for the Bachelor's degree programme:

- Enrollment as a Bachelor's student at ETH Zurich
- Studied at ETH Zurich for at least one semester
- Proof of achievement of at least 20 ECTS per semester or 40 ECTS in the previous two semesters
- From the 3rd semester onwards, the basic examination must be passed (all parts / blocks)

Requirements for the Master's degree programme:

- Enrollment as a Master's student at ETH Zurich
- Possession of a Bachelor's degree from ETH Zurich or another Swiss Bachelor's degree
- Proof of achievement of at least 20 ECTS per semester or 40 ECTS in the previous two semesters

Application period

Fall semester 2024:

You can submit your application for the HS 2024 from **1st August to 15th August 2024**.

Spring semester 2025:

You can submit your application for the FS 2025 from **1st January to 15th January 2025**.

Electronic application

eStip: Follow the instructions in the electronic process and upload all required documents as pdf files as indicated. Incomplete scholarship applications cannot be processed.

www.estip.ethz.ch →

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Documents

- **Proof of income/pension of the parents**
Annual income of the parents **before tax deduction** for the year **2023**: Original proof of income for the whole year in local currency (tax assessment notice or income confirmation from the employer, if there is no tax assessment). All amounts must be converted into CHF at the current daily exchange rate.
If your parents are divorced/separated, please upload the documents of the responsible parent.
Please translate into German (or English).
- **Proof of income after the parents' retirement (additional income)**
Please upload the completed form "[Proof of income after retirement](#)" signed by your parents as a PDF.
- **Evidence of assets of the parents**
Please upload the completed form "[Evidence of assets parents](#)", signed by your parents as a PDF.
- **Proof of income of the student**
Submit all **employment contracts** for the past, current and upcoming semester, including (expected) salary information.
Please upload your **employer's pay slips** as well.
- **Support from parents**
Detailed information on the support provided by the parents (rent payments, semester bills, monetary amounts, etc.) and support from other patrons must be submitted. Please upload the form "[Support from parents](#)" as a PDF.
- **Contributions from authorities to the student**
Proof of other support contributions, e.g. orphan's or half-orphan's pension, children's pension, supplementary benefits, pension fund pension, etc.
- **Student bank statements (last 6 months)**
Official statements of all bank accounts and savings accounts in Switzerland and abroad in the last 6 months: Debits & credits including account balances as of **31st July 2023**.
Only transactions, screen shots or self-made PDFs are not permitted.
Please provide your account statements summarized in one PDF for each account.
- **Letter of motivation (only for first applicants)**
How have you financed your ETH studies so far and why are you applying for the Solidarity Fund? Upload your signed document as a PDF.

- **Semester report (only for follow-up applicants)**
Describe your experiences in the last semester within your chosen units (findings, learnings, tops, flops) in a self-written letter. Upload your signed document as a PDF (approx. one page).
- **Study overview**
What are you planning to do next semester (internship, lectures, work, etc.)? Please upload your description as a PDF.
- **Curriculum vitae (CV)**
- **Other scholarship decisions/loans**
Please upload all current decisions of other scholarships (e.g. BAföG) for the academic year 2024/2025, as well as loan decision(s) from banks / private / ETH.

All documents must be translated into German or English. We accept your own translation on the document.

Currencies must be converted into Swiss francs (CHF) at the current daily exchange rate.

Family / financial situation

In a text field you will be asked to describe your individual financial and family situation and to provide information on how you financed your studies so far. This saves us any queries.

You are welcome to discuss questions and problems with us during counter hours and **before the application deadline**.

Scholarship Decision

All necessary documents must be submitted by 15th August 2024. Otherwise, the scholarship application cannot be processed.

The applicant is responsible for the complete and truthful information.

The Board of Trustees of the Solidarity Fund Foundation will discuss the scholarship applications at its ordinary meeting at the end of October 2024. The scholarship decision letter will be published in eStip.

The payment will be made in one installment for the entire semester following the publication of the decision.

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