Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship: Documents Checklist

PhD scholarship up to 3 years or 1 year research fellowship. CHF 2,450 a month. 2027-28 round closed 31 October 2026 for Pakistan. Next round advertised from August 2027. Official information checked 13 November 2026.

Tick each item off as you prepare it:

- [ ] Signed application form from the official GO ESKAS portal
- [ ] Detailed research proposal, usually with a timeline, written for your chosen field
- [ ] Signed letter of support from your Swiss academic supervisor. The single most important document
- [ ] CV with your publications and research experience
- [ ] HEC attested Masters degree and transcripts, plus certified translations if any document is not in English
- [ ] Two letters of recommendation
- [ ] Medical certificate and passport copy
- [ ] Proof that you have not already benefited from this scholarship in the past

Key facts to remember:

You must be born after 31 December 1991. Masters complete by 31 July 2027, or 30 June for ETH Zurich.

Tuition and semester fees are NOT covered. Some institutions charge about CHF 600 to CHF 2,000 per semester.

Health insurance is covered for holders from outside the EU and EFTA. One time CHF 600 housing deposit grant. Half fare travel card.

No conference funding, no fieldwork funding, no family allowance.

Deadlines are set country by country. Pakistan closed 31 October 2026. Decisions by end May 2027. Start 1 September 2027.

Apply only through GO ESKAS. Never pay anyone for this scholarship. It is free.

Official links:

Programme page: https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/en/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships

At a glance:
https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/en/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships-at-a-glance

Application portal: https://go.eskas.ch