




Suslowa-Postdoc-Fellowship 2021

Valid only for the **application period 2021 (submission deadline 1 February 2021)**. Significant modifications in comparison to the previous application period are marked with a .

The University of Zurich awards the Suslowa-Postdoc-Fellowship to a postdoctoral researcher who had a career break or a delay in research activities due to coordinating family and career. Submission of applications and approval take place within the procedure of the Postdoc funding line of the Forschungskredit (FK Postdoc).

The award includes a salary for a period of 18 to 24 months (usually, the FK Postdoc awards 6 to 12 months). In addition, the awardee can present his/her research results in a UZH publication (if possible and in an appropriate form; e.g., UZH News).

In addition to the guidelines of the FK Postdoc the following regulations apply to the Suslowa-Postdoc-Fellowship:

Supplement to section 1.1 of the guidelines: Personal requirements

Postdocs of all genders whose research activities have been interrupted or delayed because of the coordination of career and family may apply for the SPF.

A time-out for childcare, a longer and more serious illness, the care of elderly or sick relatives or death in the closest family (partner, children) are recognized as reasons.



A 6 to 24-month phase during (post-)doctoral studies in which the research activity had been completely or largely suspended is recognized as an interruption (a level of employment of max. 60% – in phases or during the entire period – is accepted).

Supplement to section 1.2 of the guidelines: Outset and duration of funding

The fellowship includes a salary for a period of 18 to 24 months (LK 18/03, employment level 100%). The employment level can be less than 100% but must be at least 50%. In case of a reduced employment level the duration of the funding is extended accordingly.

Supplement to section 2.2 of the guidelines: Evaluation and decision

To assess the reasons and duration of the interruption, a representative of the Gender Equality Commission or the Office for Gender Equality and Diversity of the UZH will be involved.

Each faculty can propose one applicant for the Suslowa-Postdoc-Fellowship. The decision on the funding is made by the UZH Research Committee. One fellowship is awarded per year.

Supplement to section 4 of the guidelines: Application form

Please state “Application for the Suslowa-Postdoc-Fellowship” in the general comments section of the application form.

Supplement to section 5 of the guidelines: Documents

Please fill in the additional form “SPF_2021_Application_(your_name)”:

1. Explain the reasons for the interruption or delay due to coordinating family and career.
2. Indicate time and duration of the interruption during your (post-)doctoral studies as well as the level of employment (in the case of a research activity only partially suspended).

Convert the form to PDF format and upload it as an additional document.

