

MINIMUM BUDGET FOR VISITING RESEARCHERS FROM ABROAD

SINGLE PERSON

Fixed expenses (indicative prices)

Type of charge	Monthly	Additional Information
Accommodation (<i>room or studio</i>)	CHF 900.- minimum	A rent guarantee is usually required. You should expect to pay between 1 and 3 rents in advance.
Health insurance	From CHF 380.- with maximum deductible. Varies according to deductible and health insurance.	Researchers meeting the criteria defined in the cantonal directive may apply for exemption from compulsory insurance in Switzerland. <i>EU researchers:</i> may retain insurance cover by applying to OVAM with their European insurance card.
Phone, Internet, TV	CHF 80.- minimum depending on supplier	
Public Transportation	From CHF 60, depending on travel and place of residence.	The TL (Transports lausannois) is part of the MOBILIS fare community, which offers a zonal fare structure. Depending on the frequency of your journeys, it may be more advantageous to buy a ticket, a day pass or a monthly or annual season ticket.
Food	CHF 400.- depending on the eating habits	
Electricity	From CHF 10.- depending on consumption	
Miscellaneous (outings, clothing, sports activities, etc.)	CHF 200.-	

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TOTAL	Approx. CHF 2'000.-	
Additional charges		
Household and third-party liability insurance	CHF 240.- varies according to the type of apartment rented and the insurance cover.	One-year contract, usually payable at once.
The radio and TV fee	CHF 335.- per year Payable at once	Compulsory as soon as you register with your municipality of residence. Every household automatically receives a bill from Serafe for the radio and television licence fee. All households are required to pay even if they don't have a TV.
Visitor's tax Stay of more than 90 days	CHF 95.- third-country nationals CHF 65.- EU nationals	To be counted once for residence permit fees
Municipal tax	CHF 30.-	Only for the first month when registering with the municipality

For researchers arriving as a couple or as a family, it is important to establish an additional budget according to needs (childcare, health insurance, etc.).

When applying for family reunification, financial resources must be proven and sufficient to accommodate one or more family members.

To enter Switzerland, third-country nationals must be in possession of a valid passport and a "C visa" if the stay is less than 90 days, and a "D visa" if the stay is more than 90 days.

Visa applications should be submitted as soon as possible to the Swiss consular representation closest to the applicant's place of residence, enclosing the letter of invitation. However, persons holding an EU residence permit may enter Switzerland without a visa.

As a reminder, a dossier concerning the visiting researcher must be prepared by the host institute and sent to the Human Resources Department three to four months before the start of the stay.

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