

GUIDELINES

International PhD program application Fall 2009

Education

Applicants must hold a Master in Science degree or equivalent.
Please, send us information concerning yours studies: address/website of the University, date of attendance, the degree(s) obtained, year and field of study.

Letters of Recommendation

Your academic achievement and potential must be evaluated by three professors. They will be requested to complete a form. They have to give it back to you in an envelope sealed and signed across the flap. The applicant, in turn, will submit these sealed envelopes to us together with the full application.

If you are not in the academic environment for more than five years, you may choose to request recommendation letters to other evaluators such as professional acquaintances who can evaluate your potential to pursue graduate studies.

Applicant's Statement

Tell us about your scientific interests, background and research experience. Please describe in one or two pages your current and long-range scientific interests and career plans, your laboratory and research experience, your current occupation.

Interviews

Applicants will be evaluated by an admissions committee. The selected candidates will be invited for an interview at Geneva.

Contact

National Center of Competence in Research – *Frontiers in Genetics*
International PhD program
Science III - Université de Genève
Quai Ernest-Ansermet, 30
CH – 1211 GENEVE 4
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<http://www.frontiers-in-genetics.org/>

Deadline

May 1. 2009

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Please read carefully the guidelines. Use a black or blue ballpoint pen and write in capital letters. The application form can be completed in English or in French.

Veuillez lire attentivement la feuille d'information. Utiliser un stylo à bille bleu ou noir et écrire en lettres majuscules. Le formulaire doit être rempli en langue française ou anglaise.

Bitte Informationsblatt beachten. Kugelschreiber mit blauer oder schwarzer Farbe verwenden und in Blockschrift ausfüllen. Das Formular ist in französischer oder englischer Sprache auszufüllen.

Pregasi di prendere in considerazione il foglio informativo. Completare il modulo in stampatello servendosi di una penna a sfera blu o nera. Il modulo va completato in francese o inglese.

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Personal data / Données personnelles / Angaben zur Person / dati personali

Name / Nom / Nome

Surname, Lastname / Familienname / Nom de famille / Cognome _____

First, Middle name(s) / Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / Nome(i) _____

Sex / Geschlecht / Sexe / Sesso

Female / Weiblich / Féminin / Femminile

Male / Männlich / Masculin / Maschile

Date and place of Birth / Geburtsdatum und –ort / Date et lieu de naissance / Data e luogo di nascita

Day/month/year - Tag/Monat/Jahr - Jour/mois/année - Giorno/mese/anno _____

Place / Ort / Lieu / Luogo _____

Marital status / Zivilstand / Etat civil / Stato civile

Single / ledig / célibataire / celibe, nubile

Married / verheiratet / marié(e) / coniugato(a)

Divorced / geschieden / divorcé(e) / divorziato(a)

widowed / verwitwet / veuf(ve) / vedovo(a)

Nationality / Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nazionalità _____

Permanent place of residence / Ständiger Wohnort / Domicile permanent / Domicilio abituale

Street, No. / Str., Nr. / Rue, n° / Via, n° _____

ZIP Code, Place / PLZ, Ort / NPA, Lieu / NAP, Luogo _____

Phone / Telefonnummer / Téléphone / Numero telefonico _____

Email _____

Please list below the names of the three referees to whom you have forwarded the recommendation form and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and who have agreed to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

First name	Second name	Title / Position	Institution/Organization

Place / Ort / Lieu / Luogo

Date / Datum / Date / Data

Signature/Unterschrift/ Firma

General information

Did you previously apply for Graduate Programs ?

- Yes No

Have you ever registered into a Graduate Program of any University ?

- Yes No If yes, when? _____

- As a degree student As a special student

Are you applying to other universities? (also specify the Department)

University (name, city, country)	PhD Program (name)	Department or field

Language proficiency

List the languages of which you have knowledge and your proficiency in either (Fair, Good, Excellent, maternal):

	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Speaking</u>
English		
French		
German		

Other interests

Please list below interests that are not directly related to your studies degree.

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How did you know about this Doctoral Program?

- Advertisement in Scientific Journals
- Friends, Colleagues, Institute
- Poster
- Web site : _____

Education

Please give a brief summary of your education and training at university, college, etc. after secondary school. Please, do not exceed this page.

Institution name / address	Dates of Attendance Major month/year month/year	Degree	Date Received or expected month/year
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	from to		
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Applicant's statement: research experience and scientific interests

Please tell us about your past education and experience, academic and professional plans, as well as your reasons for enrolling into a graduate program.

Include a brief summary of the biology field that you like to most and justify.

Include the title and a description of your M.Sc. (thesis) research, or equivalent. Highlight its aim(s) and your personal contribution to this original research. State the length (months) of the research project.

Include some details about intended specialization in your field, your preparation for that specialization, and anything else you consider important for a judgment of your abilities (including articles, theses, books, or any other material published, or any invention patented; academic honors, prizes, or honorary scholarships; reasons for transferring from one institution to another; etc.).

Additional information concerning other research project in which you were involved in, either before the M.Sc. degree or afterwards are also welcome. Please describe them briefly in another paragraph. You can add additional pages (8 ¹/₂" x 11" or A4) , if required.

Applicant, fill out the top part of this form before handing it to your referee.

Application deadline:	
Name of Applicant:	
Doctoral program:	

Check one of these declarations and sign

- I DO WAIVE (renounce to) my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation (usual)
 I DO NOT WAIVE (not renounce to) my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation

Date:		Signature:	
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Dear Referee,

The person indicated above is applying for the admission for doctoral studies within the NCCR "Frontiers in Genetics" program in Geneva, Switzerland. We would appreciate your personal evaluation of the applicant's intellectual ability, aptitude in research and professional skills.

- Please comment, on the reverse side of this page, the applicant's character, the quality of his/her previous work and his/her potential.
- If the applicant's first language is not English, please evaluate her/his proficiency to read, write and speak English.
- Indicate for how long and how you met the applicant.
- If you know any other student enrolled in our doctoral program, you are welcome to include a comparison between both people.
- If you have any reason to believe that the applicant should not be considered, please explain.

Please feel free to add any additional information about your own education and professional background if you feel that such information will improve our understanding of your evaluation. If necessary, use more sheets of paper.

Please rate this applicant in overall promise for the doctorate (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Inadequate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Below average	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Average	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Somewhat above average	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Truly exceptional
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On the following scale, please rank the applicant against other students in comparable fields and indicate the comparison group used (e.g.: final year undergraduate EE students at your university). If you can rank the candidate precisely in her/his class, please do so.

Comparison group		Rank /			
Bottom quarter	Third quarter	Second quarter	Top 25%	Top 10%	Top 5%	Top 1-2%

Please give your comments on reverse side or attach your letter to this form.

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Institution/Company			
Address			
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