IN SHORT
The Swiss Study Foundation supports students at all universities and technical colleges who thanks to their personality, creativity and intellectual skills are expected to perform exceptionally well. The foundation’s mission is to encourage young people who are willing and capable of assuming leading positions in all sectors of society. Since its establishment in 1991 the Swiss Study Foundation has already invested almost 43 million Swiss francs in the domestic talent program.

2018

Support and Program
- 756 sponsored fellows, of which 147 in the French-speaking part of Switzerland and in Ticino: 390 women and 375 men
- 19 one-day selection seminars
- 156 new admissions
- 7 summer academies
- 32 multi-day seminars and intellectual tools
- 39 additional educational events
- Support and advice from mentoring professors at the place of study
- Counseling and networking offered by the foundation’s head office
- 80 approved applications for financial support for study projects abroad (incl. yearly grants)
- Approved amount in total Fr. 282,000
- 66 sponsored fellows were awarded a scholarship (excl. yearly grants)
- Scholarships awarded amount to Fr. 950,418 in total

Voluntary Staff
- 64 mentors and 121 assessors, 4 crisis coaches
- Many of the lecturers in our events and all the members of the Foundation Board and Committees work on a volunteer basis.

Financial Statement
- Expenditure Fr. 3,198,442
- Donations Fr. 3,255,670
- Fund and organization capital Fr. 6,188,784

Strategic Goals of the Foundation Board 2019–2023
It is the aim of the Swiss Study Foundation to associate the promotion of gifted young people even more consistently with the concept of social responsibility.
- The Foundation is present across Switzerland, reinforces its international focus and increases the number of sponsored students by at least 20 percent (approximately 920 sponsored fellows by the end of 2023);
- It supports its beneficiaries in assuming responsibility within and outside the Foundation.
- It fosters the transdisciplinary handling of socially relevant issues and enables an exchange with decision-makers from various fields of science, business, politics and culture.
A SUCCESSFUL YEAR
AND STRATEGIC PROSPECTS

In recent years, the Swiss Study Foundation has firmly rooted itself in the Swiss university landscape as a national institution for the promotion of talented students. Its sponsorship program is very successful and has proven its worth. Since its establishment the Swiss Study Foundation has invested already more than 43 million Francs in the promotion of talent and, in using these funds, offered more than 2000 committed fellows the opportunity to develop their potential to the full and to place it at the service of society. The Swiss Study Foundation looks back on another good year. With 765 students in 2018, the number of sponsored fellows has reached a new peak. Expenditure for the support program also continued to rise in accordance, but the Foundation has the resources and necessary reserves to cover this increase. The range of support measures was again expanded. There were more, longer and more international educational offers and the coaching was further intensified. Moreover, the Bärbel-and-Paul-Geissbühler scholarships were added as another specific instrument for supporting students. Promoting the targeted financial support for students of the lower middle class is a long-standing concern of the Swiss Study Foundation. Through this tool, the perceptible withdrawal of cantonal scholarships can be balanced out a little. Such concrete measures are crucial for educational equity and the optimal exploitation of Switzerland’s talent pool.

The Swiss Study Foundation has achieved a great deal in recent years – it has a solid financial basis and has integrally implemented its strategic objectives for 2013–2017. For this reason, the Swiss Study Foundation’s Board launched the project for the participatory elaboration of new strategic goals already in the spring of 2017. In its resolution of 14 November 2018, the Foundation Board defined three strategic objectives for the period from 2019 to 2023: the further increase of the number of sponsored fellows by 20 per cent (based on the number of sponsored fellows by end of 2018, thus around 920), the development of participation and social commitment and the intensification of the transdisciplinary dialogue.

In a rapidly changing world and in a Europe in a state of upheaval, Switzerland must always regain its place and assert its position. The exhaustion of one’s own talent pool plays a central role in this process. This is precisely where the Swiss Study Foundation provides its specific contribution. The best students receive a support program that accompanies their studies and helps them mature into socially responsible individuals. The beneficiaries should find their place in society, where they can make the best possible use of their potential. The foundation deliberately does not set any targets for this, but supports the sponsored fellows in their search for their own optimum. Over the next five years, the foundation aims to combine the promotion of gifted young people even more consistently with the issue of social responsibility for the future. We are convinced that this will also play a significant role in promoting equal opportunities — together with the now extensive range of support for students that is tailored to their needs. The further expansion of scholarships last year underscores this commitment to Switzerland as a community with equal opportunities. It is the cornerstone of an innovative society.

In 2018, the Swiss Study Foundation once again displayed great commitment to the promotion of gifted students at university level. Its strength lies in the fact that the Foundation can rely on the outstanding dedication of over two hundred personalities who volunteer their skills and time. Our heartfelt thanks go to all these exceptional individuals. After all, they make an invaluable contribution that cannot be valued highly enough. The Swiss Study Foundation will continue to need ideational and financial support in the coming years. If you can imagine becoming involved in promoting the best within the framework of the Swiss Study Foundation, please get in touch with us! The office will be happy to advise you on how best to make your own personal contribution.

Prof. Dr. Antonio Loprieno
President of the Foundation Board

Prof. Dr. Cla Reto Famos
Director
The ability to present one’s own results, projects and views in a target-oriented and audience-appropriate manner has become an indispensable part of our daily work. The IT «rhetoric» is now one of the classics among the ITs and has enabled the sponsored fellows to train themselves in this area for many years.
The Summer Academy «Probabilities, Determinism and Free Will in Science and Philosophy», which took place as part of the Werner Siemens program, offered participants exciting insights into the fundamental laws of physics. Prof. Michael Esfeld and Prof. Detlef Dürr discussed with the students to what extent deterministic laws of nature and objective probabilities can come into conflict with free will. Concepts of theoretical physics and philosophy were taken into account.
**FOUNDATION BODIES**

(as per 31.12.2018)

* Foundation Board Committee

**FOUNDATION BOARD**

**President and Vice President**

- Loprieno Antonio, Prof. Dr., University of Basel, President of the Foundation Board *
- Hengartner Michael, Prof. Dr., Rector University of Zurich, Vice President of the Foundation Board *

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- Athanas Peter, Prof. Dr., Curator, Werner Siemens-Foundation *
- Dell’Ambrogio Mauro, State Secretary, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)
- Franz Christoph, Prof. Dr., President of the Board of Directors Roche Holding AG
- Martinoli Piero, Prof. Dr., ex-president of the University of Italian Speaking Switzerland, Lugano
- Noser Ruedi, Member of the National Council, Noser Management AG
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- Springman Sarah M., Prof. Dr., Dean, ETH Zurich
- Tardo-Styner Christina, lic. phil. nat., co-Rector secondary school, Cantonal School Solothurn *
- Widmer Müller Franziska, Dr., former rector, Cantonal School Rychenberg

**Honorary Members**

- Eberle Meinrad, Prof. em. Dr., ETH Zurich, president of the Friends of the Association, honorary member
- Kubli Eric, Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h.c., Biology, University of Zurich, Initiator and Foundation member, honorary member

**COMMITTEES**

**Committee for Selection and Individual mentoring**

- Tardo-Styner Christina, lic. phil. nat., co-Rector Secondary School Solothurn, President of the Committee
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- Donzé Laurent, Prof. Dr., University of Fribourg
- Famos Cla Reto, Prof. Dr., Director Swiss Study Foundation
- Hämmerli Marion, Dr., McKinsey & Company (Alumna)
- Hiller Odermatt Sebastian, Prof. Dr., University of Basel (Alumnus)

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- de Weck Roger, Publicist and former Director General of the Swiss Radio and Television Company (SRG SSR)
- Famos Cla Reto, Prof. Dr., Director Swiss Study Foundation
- Pichonnaz Pascal, Prof. Dr., Rector Law Faculty University of Fribourg
- Riecher-Rössler Anita, Prof. Dr., Head Physician, Psychiatric University Policlinic, University of Basel
- Rippl Gabriele, Prof. Dr., English Literature, University of Bern
- a representative of the sponsored fellows
Committee for Finances and Fundraising
- Athanas Peter, Prof. Dr., Curator, Werner Siemens Foundation, President of the Committee
- Eberle Meinrad, Prof. em. Dr., President of the Friends of the Association
- Famos Cla Reto, Prof. Dr., Director Swiss Study Foundation
- Loprieno Antonio, Prof. Dr., University of Basel, President of the Foundation Board
- Nevistic Vesna, Dr.
- Sprecher Thomas, Dr., Attorney-at-Law, Niederer Kraft & Frey AG

Resignations and new elections
In the year under review, Ulrich Looser resigned from the Foundation Board after 12 years and Prof. Dr. Martina Hirayama and Dr. Reto Givel after five years. Prof. Dr. Carel van Schaik and Prof. Dr. Luciana Vaccaro left the Education Committee. Daniela Però left the Committee for Selection and Individual Mentoring and Ulrich Jakob Looser the Finance Committee.

They all deserve our sincere thanks for their many years of commitment to the Swiss Study Foundation. It is only thanks to the unfailing commitment of countless personalities that it was possible to build up this scholarship foundation so impressively. The Swiss Study Foundation continues to adhere to the principle of voluntary work; the more commendable are the contributions that have been made over many years with great consistency. Thank you very much.

Foundation Office
(as of 31.12.2018)
- Famos Cla Reto, Prof. Dr., Director
- Schuler Iris, Deputy Director
- Beyeler Sarah, Dr., Deputy Director
- Dankwa Barbara, Dr., scientific assistant
- Meyer Raphael, scientific assistant
- Schärli Caroline, scientific assistant
- Tchambaz Lydia, Dr., scientific assistant
- Bischoff Maja, accounting
- Ellington Nathalie, administration staff
- Landolt Samira, administration staff

Entries and Resignations
During the period under review, the Swiss Study Foundation was reinforced with a new scientific assistant: Raphael Meyer will lead the «Univers Suisse» program financed by the Sophie and Karl Binding Foundation. Nobody left the Foundation in the period under review.

Auditor
PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich

On the occasion of the «Meeting Point Bern» events, highly relevant topics are always the attraction and qualified experts are invited. Through the well-founded, objective discussions, I benefit greatly in terms of content and expand my knowledge. I get to hear many points of view and can thus get a holistic picture of the political problems. Benedikt Schmidt
The 2018 financial statements close with a profit of 90,628 francs and a positive cash flow. The Swiss Study Foundation received donations of more than 3.2 million francs in the period under review — a clear sign of confidence on the part of our donors and by no means a matter of course in light of the challenges in fundraising, which are increasing from year to year. The Swiss Study Foundation now has a capital of 6.1 million francs, which provides a certain security against unforeseen circumstances. Wherever possible, costs were kept consistently low without compromising the quality of the funding. Despite a very lean cost structure, the Swiss Study Foundation fulfils its mission of funding national talent promotion and provides an attractive range of offers for outstanding students. The foundation’s assets are invested entirely in Swiss francs and are therefore not exposed to any currency risk. The value-preserving investment strategy has proven successful in a volatile environment marked by major uncertainties and thus integrally secures the substance of the foundation’s assets. On the liabilities side, the education program and foundation development funds were reduced by a total of 31,906 francs. The Swiss Study Foundation now has the necessary funds to provide targeted support to those from low-income backgrounds. Further scholarships were added at the beginning of 2018: The dependent Bärbel and Paul Giessbühler foundation established under the umbrella of the Swiss Study Foundation provides substantial financial support to MINT students from low-income backgrounds through the fund of the same name — a philanthropic idea that I can strongly recommend as an example worth following!

The total fund capital at the end of 2018 amounted to 4,391,773 francs. The capital (consisting of fund capital and organizational capital) of Fr. 6,188,784 serves to guarantee operations and is used for special projects. This gives the Swiss Study Foundation, which is predominantly financed privately, a certain security both in its planning and in its operating business. The cost unit accounting broken down by project shows the areas for which the financial resources were spent. For the fourth time in a row, the largest share of funds went to the area of individual sponsorship. This reflects the establishment of new scholarships, which has been strongly advanced in recent years. Recent studies show that the social selectivity of the Swiss education system is too high. Especially for talents from low-income families, financial support is therefore often of crucial importance. The Swiss Study Foundation thus makes a targeted contribution towards equality of opportunity. For Switzerland to be a center of knowledge, it is crucial that our country fully exploits its intellectual potential and does not simply reproduce a social elite. With the establishment of a whole series of programs (Binding scholarships, Ernst-Göhner scholarships, Ernst-Göhner scholarships for prospective artists in training, Binding scholarships for prospective secondary school teachers, Suyana scholarships, Mercator College for International Affairs and Werner Siemens fellowships and now the Bärbel-and-Paul-Giessbühler scholarships), the payout of scholarships has increased continuously in recent years. In addition, thanks to the contribution of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), financial support for stays abroad can be further expanded. These early foreign experiences of young Swiss academics are enormously valuable for the global connectedness of Switzerland as an excellent academic location. The education program received slightly more funding than in the previous year, while the public relations area remained virtually unchanged.

Where the positive figures and the meanwhile strong financial substance are an important but not sufficient factor for the success of the Swiss Study Foundation’s work. A complete picture only emerges when non-monetary benefits are also taken into account. The countless hours worked by the Swiss Study Foundation’s voluntary lecturers, assessors and Committee members, who continued to increase in the year under review, should therefore also be mentioned and thanked especially. Since these hours do not appear in the annual accounts, we show them separately. According to a conservative estimate, in 2018 more than 4,150 working hours were performed on a voluntary basis, which corresponds to a calculated value of 830,000 francs at an assumed hourly rate of 200 francs. Such seemingly dry figures impressively demonstrate the nature of the Swiss Study Foundation as a civil society institution.

The bookkeeping and financial statements for the financial year 2018 (balance sheet, operating statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in capital and appendix) have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG. The accounting is based on the Swiss GAAP FER 21 standards. The annual accounts are available on our homepage or can be obtained from our office.

Prof. Dr. Cla Reto Famos, Director
## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018 WITH PRIOR-YEAR FIGURES

(Amounts in francs)

### ASSETS

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<th>Description</th>
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### OPERATING STATEMENT 2018 WITH PRIOR-YEAR FIGURES

(Amounts in francs)

#### INCOME FROM OPERATIONS / DONATIONS

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**Total Income operations / donations**

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#### FINANCIAL RESULT

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<td><strong>Total Financial Result</strong></td>
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The peer event «wörCHshop», organized by two students of the Swiss Study Foundation, introduced the participants to the theoretical concepts of «interculturality» and «trans-culturality» as well as intercultural competencies in an interactive way. Outside the Swiss Study Foundation, the organizers are also committed to promote intercultural dialogue in Switzerland with the «voCHabular» project.
During the peer event organized by two students of the Swiss Study Foundation, the participants had the possibility to exchange views in small groups with Fabrizio Petrillo, CEO AXA Switzerland, and Thomas Hügli, CSO AXA Switzerland, and discussed how much and what responsibility insurance companies and large corporations bear for the society.

### OTHER INCOME

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### Interim Result

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<td>Dissolution Dedicated Grants</td>
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We thank our partners for their generous contributions in 2018.

The Swiss Study Foundation is financed almost exclusively by the donations of its patrons. In the following list we only record the ones that contributed an amount of CHF 1000 and more. We also thank all patrons that do not want to be named.

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Contributions of CHF 1 000 000

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PARTNER DIAMOND

Contributions of CHF 100 000 and more

- Mercator Foundation Switzerland
- Sophie and Karl Binding Foundation
- State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation
- Ernst Gähner Foundation
- Bärbel and Paul Geissbühler Foundation
- Association for the Promotion of the Swiss Study Foundation

PARTNER PLATINUM

Contributions of CHF 50 000 and more

- Alumni-Organisation of the Swiss Study Foundation
- ETH Zurich
- Swiss Industry Science Fund
  (BASF AG, F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Novartis Pharma AG
  and Syngenta Crop Protection AG)
- Syuyana Foundation
- University of Zurich

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Contributions of CHF 25 000 and more

- Accenture Foundation
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Contributions of CHF 10 000 and more

- EPF Lausanne
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- Lagrev Foundation
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Contributions of CHF 5 000 and more

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- Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)
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- University of Fribourg
- University of St. Gallen
- University of Applied Sciences Switzerland, ZHAW
- Zurich Cantonal Bank

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- Prof. Dr. Alexander von Graevenitz
- Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h. c. Eric Kubli
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- Veronica Debrunner
PARTNER FOUNDATIONS

Werner Siemens Foundation
The Werner Siemens Foundation supports pioneering technical and scientific projects in research and teaching at universities and polytechnics, primarily in Germany and Switzerland, that meet the highest standards and contribute to solving the relevant problems of our time. It finances the start-up phase of these innovative projects with considerable sums — with the goal of ensuring that the initiated projects continue to run independently after a few years or that the resulting innovations are used industrially. The Werner Siemens Foundation also supports initiatives in the areas of education, training and the promotion of young talent, particularly in the areas of mathematics, information technology, natural sciences, technology, medicine and pharmacy. The Werner Siemens Foundation donates 10 million francs to the Swiss Study Foundation. With the funds distributed over ten years, the Swiss Study Foundation will be able to support thousands of highly gifted students in the coming years — and thus significantly more than in the past. The majority of the funds will go to students of mathematics, information technology, natural sciences and technology (MINT). The two foundations thus emphasize the importance of technical and scientific subjects for the future of Switzerland.

Prof. Dr. PETER ATHANAS, CURATOR

Mercator Foundation Switzerland
Climate change, human rights issues, hunger, war and forced migration: Our world is facing numerous challenges. In order to cope with these, people are needed who take responsibility and work together across national borders. Together with the Swiss Study Foundation and partners in Germany, we therefore organize the Mercator College and prepare university graduates for international assignments. This cooperation celebrated an anniversary in September 2018. We have accepted the tenth year in the program and thus already supported 240 committed young people.

Dr. ANDREW HOLLAND, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Sophie and Karl Binding Foundation
As a charitable foundation, the Sophie and Karl Binding Foundation works throughout Switzerland in the areas of environment, social affairs and culture, focusing its support on the fields of landscape conservation, child and youth integration, cultural heritage and cohesion. The «Univers Suisse» education and scholarship program of the Swiss Study Foundation has been one of our main commitments for the last twelve years. It makes an important and sustainable contribution to raising young people’s awareness of the importance of Switzerland’s cultural, linguistic and social diversity. Recognising this diversity as a resource and «living diversity in unity», as the Federal Constitution promises, is part of a democratic political culture that needs to be nurtured. The educational events within the framework of «Univers Suisse» contribute to this, as do the nine Binding Scholarships awarded each year to committed students who cross language barriers for their studies. The resulting broadening of the horizons of young citizens is a cultural capital for the future of Switzerland, in which the Sophie and Karl Binding Foundation is happy to invest.

MONIKA WIRTH, DIRECTOR

Ernst Göhner Foundation
The Ernst Göhner Foundation is the present of the Zurich entrepreneur Ernst Göhner to future generations. In 2009, it launched the Ernst Göhner scholarships in cooperation with the Swiss Study Foundation for outstanding students who may not receive any or only insufficient contributions from their family or the state. Until 2018 a total of 56 scholarships were awarded to 31 students from all parts of the country. In addition, the Ernst Göhner Foundation finances yearly scholarships to artists in training (47 scholarships to 25 students since 2011) as well as scholarships to students training to become teachers at secondary level II (16 scholarships to 10 students since 2014). Moreover, it supports the annual weekend seminar «Teaching Skills for School» to attract additional talented fellows of the Study Foundation to the teaching profession.

Suyana Foundation
Support in the area of education is very important for the Suyana Foundation. After all, only a solid education can provide good career opportunities. Students of the Swiss Study Foundation whose financial situation may not be easy have the opportunity to apply for one of the three Suyana scholarships. In 2018, we were able to award scholarships for the seventh time. It is very important for Suyana to meet all the scholarship holders in person, so that we can get a direct insight into their daily vocational training. The Swiss Study Foundation provides students with individual support and an educational program that complements their studies. Together, we support young adults so that they can receive a future-oriented education.

YVONNE IMHOLZ, MANAGING DIRECTOR SWITZERLAND
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