



The Henri Rieben Scholarship Status¹

Objectives:

Established by the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe, the Henri Rieben Scholarship targets the following objectives:

- Providing support for research projects in various scientific disciplines related to European integration, including for instance ideas and actions pioneered by Jean Monnet and other protagonists, the idea of a united Europe, the history, the evolution and process issues of European construction, or relations between Switzerland and Europe;
- Promoting consultation and exploitation of archives kept at the Foundation, which equally cover the first half of the twentieth century and other European issues;
- Developing an international Alumni network of the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements

Beneficiaries must meet the following criteria:

- Be PhD candidates in a Switzerland university or abroad. Preference will be given to applicants from universities abiding by the European Charter for Researchers;
- Conduct a research focusing on European integration;

¹ The terms “fellow”, “PhD student” and “researcher” are used for ease of reference and refer to both male and female students.

- Present a research project aimed at fulfilling the above-mentioned Henri Rieben scholarship objectives;
- Be at an advanced doctoral stage, i.e. they must have sufficiently defined research topics and problems. Research topics shall be approved by applicants' home universities;
- Be recommended by their thesis directors;
- Achieve proficiency in French language comprehension (passive knowledge required).

Duration of the Program

- The scholarship is granted for 1 month at least and 3 months at most, a term that cannot be renewed within the same academic year;
- One or many doctoral students can be given the allocation throughout a given academic year.

Scholarship Competition

The grant competition shall be launched each year through a call for applications, and the selection process shall be organized by the Foundation itself.

Application

The following are required as part of the application file in French or English:

- A motivation letter specifying duration as well as desired dates for a stay in Lausanne;
- A resume and possibly, a list of scientific publications;
- A brief presentation of the research project (2 to 3 pages) indicating the plan, the calendar and if need be, the way documents of the Foundation will be used;
- A reference letter by the thesis director.

Amount of the Scholarship

The grant is a flat-rate amount provided to help cover costs associated with stay and trip, and has two components:

- A CHF 3'000 monthly allowance meant to cover subsistence expenses (in Lausanne), paid at the end of each month according to the rules;
- An allowance to cover expenses related to round-trip to Lausanne (economy-class air ticket and second-class rail ticket) upon presentation of the appropriate supporting documents.

Recipients' Status, Activities and Responsibilities

- Recipients must undertake to adhere to the scholarship status and act in compliance with archives regulations. Serious infringement to this will likely result in the reduction or cancellation of the grant;
- They shall be based at the Foundation in Lausanne, where they will mainly carry out research during working hours;
- They will take charge of issues relating to their trip and stay in Lausanne, such as legal formalities, travel, and accommodation;
- Fellows will be provided scientific follow-up by their thesis directors. The Foundation shall ensure availability of archives, as it is the case with other fellows;
- At the end of their stay, fellows shall submit a 3 to 5-page-research report to the Foundation (French or English copies);
- They shall equally submit a copy of their dissertation as well as any other publications incorporating relevant aspects of their work;
- Upon publication of their thesis, each fellow must acknowledge the Foundation's support;
- Each fellow must agree that his name and aspects of his research can feature in the Foundation's information materials including its activity reports and website.