



SWISS ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL SCIENCES

**Association Suisse pour les Sciences Animales
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SVT-Funds for Promotion of Young Talents

Regulations

I. Name and purpose

Article 1: Purpose

The "SVT-Funds for Promotion of Young Talents" (hereinafter referred to as "fund") is maintained by the Swiss Association for Animal Sciences (SVT) and serves to promote young talents in the field of animal science in Switzerland.

Article 2: Basis

The establishment and maintenance of the fund is based on § 1, § 2a, § 2b and § 2d of the SVT's statutes.

Article 3: Areas of support

The fund may provide financial support for the following activities:

- a. Attendance at conferences of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP), and other international events. The prerequisite is that scientific work in the field of animal sciences will be presented.
- b. Attendance at conferences of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP), and other international events without presentation of scientific work provided that a substantial interest in the visit can be asserted.
- c. Participation in foreign education and training programmes which are not offered in Switzerland in the same type and quality.

Article 4: Contributions to conference visits with presentation of scientific work

¹ Matriculated persons

Applications for contributions can be submitted by persons who are enrolled in a livestock discipline at a Swiss university of applied sciences or a Swiss university. Applications from people who work in the field of farm animals and are enrolled at a foreign university of applied sciences or university can also be considered, provided that the content of the proposed presentation has been prepared in Switzerland.

² Exmatriculated persons

Applications for contributions may be submitted by the above-mentioned persons (Art. 4, item 1) up to a maximum of one year after their last matriculation. The prerequisite is that one of the following points applies to the intended presentation:

- The content was developed during enrolment.
- The content was developed after matriculation, but is directly related to research work during matriculation.

³ Postdoc

Applications for contributions can be submitted by persons who are active in the field of farm animals and are employed as postdocs at a Swiss research institution (up to one year after doctoral thesis/PhD). Applications from persons working in the field of farm animals and employed as postdocs at a research institution abroad can also be considered, if the content of the intended presentation has been prepared in Switzerland. For postdoctoral positions not designated as such, the employer must confirm that the position is a postdoctoral position.

⁴ The fund commission shall decide on exceptions.

⁵ An application includes proof of enrolment, or of the last enrolment, or of employment as a postdoc, and a summary of the intended presentation, which must be submitted to the conference or meeting organiser (see Article 3). Furthermore, it must be explained what contribution the applicant has made to the research work to be presented. The application must include a full list of all other support from other organisations.

⁶ Contributions are paid by the SVT office after attendance of the event and proof of presentation. If no work has been presented (see Article 3), the spoken support will not be paid.

Article 5: Contributions to conference visits without presentation of scientific work

¹ Applications for support to attend a conference without presenting scientific work can only be submitted by persons who are active in the livestock sector and are enrolled at a Swiss university of applied sciences or a Swiss university. Only people who have not completed a master's degree will be considered for a conference visit without an own presentation.

² In addition to the applicant's CV, proof of enrolment and a letter of motivation, an application must also include a letter of recommendation from the person supervising or teaching at the university of applied sciences/university.

³ After the conference, the applicant must write a short personal report on his/her experience of attending the conference, which is transferred to the SVT with the right to publish it.

⁴ The fund commission shall decide on exceptions.

⁵ Contributions are paid by the SVT office after attendance of the event and receipt of the applicant's personal report. If no report is submitted, the promised support will not be paid out.

Article 6: Contributions to costs of the foreign education and training programme

¹ Applications for contributions to the costs of a foreign education and training programme may be submitted by persons resident in Switzerland. The education or training must be relevant to animal science in Switzerland.

² An application includes a justification for attending a foreign education and training programme, the curriculum vitae, proof of enrolment in the programme and a statement of costs listing all other support provided by other organisations.

³ Contributions are paid annually by the SVT office after the fund commission has been informed in writing of the status of training or continuing education by confirmation of enrolment at the training centre and interim or final certificates. The fund commission shall discontinue the support if the successful completion of the education and training programme appears

unlikely.

⁴ The fund commission shall decide on exceptions.

II. The fund assets

Article 7: Feeding

The fund assets are fed by donations and legacies.

Article 8: Use of resources

The fund assets may only be used for a specific purpose and must be invested in an interest-bearing manner.

Article 9: Fund accounts

The fund accounting is integrated into the SVT accounting.

III. Organization

Article 10: Establishment of the fund commission

The fund commission is appointed by the SVT board, based on § 12e and § 18 of the SVT statutes, and consists of at least one board member and at least two other experts. The fund commission is headed by an SVT board member.

The members of the fund commission must stand down in the following cases:

- a. The applicant works in the same research group as the member.
- b. The member is directly or indirectly involved in the research project.

Article 11 Term of office

The members of the fund commission are appointed for a period of four years and are eligible for re-election. The term of office corresponds to that of the SVT board.

Article 12: Remuneration of commissioners

The fund commission works on an honorary basis.

Article 13: Evaluation of applications

The fund commission determines the applications worthy of support after careful consideration and in consideration of the budgeted funds. The fund commission's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Article 14: Disbursement

The fund commission informs the SVT managing director about the spoken support of the applications. The SVT office is responsible for the payment of the contributions.

Article 15: Activity report

Once a year, the fund commission prepares an activity report for the SVT board.

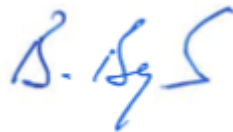
Article 16: Dissolution of the fund

The dissolution of the fund and the use of the fund assets are governed by § 23 and § 24 of the SVT statutes.

These regulations were approved and put into effect by the SVT board on February 7, 2024. They replace the regulations of September 11, 2020.



The President: Veronika Maurer, Frick



The managing director: Beat Bapst, Zug

IV.

Annex

Indicative amounts of support:

1. **European congresses:** Congress registration + CHF 500 flat-rate contribution
2. **Non-European congresses:** Congress registration + CHF 750 flat-rate contribution
3. **Study visit:** CHF 4,200 flat-rate contribution per year plus travel costs.
For shorter stays, the amount is adjusted according to the length of stay.

According to the regulations article 4, item 4, article 5, item 4 and article 6, item 4, changes by the fund commission are possible at any time.