

3Rs Doctorate Programme 2025

Tomorrow's 3Rs Leaders Start Here!

Theme of the call

The 3RCC strives to encourage a new generation of researchers to adopt an 3Rs Principle ethos where new methods are transferred and put into active practice. The 2025 3Rs Doctorate Grant scheme supports innovative PhD research that advances any of the 3R principles – Replace, Reduce, Refine.

The funding is intended for graduate students, starting a first PhD. Applications must come directly from the PhD candidate. Host institution must be a Swiss-based higher educational or not-for-profit research institution.

Funding Scope

- PhD projects advancing any aspect of the 3Rs
- Project duration: 2 4 years; Maximum funding: 70'000 CHF/year, total of 280'000 for four years

Application / Timelines

The scheme follows a two-stage application process. In the first phase, applicants should submit an outline application with basic information on the intended 3Rs-relevant project. In stage two candidates of selected outline applications will be invited to submit a full project proposal. An invitation to an interview is possible.

- Outline Application Opening: Now
- Outline Application Deadline: April 1, 2025; 17:00 CET
- Full Application (on invitation): start July 2025
- Full Application Deadline: October 1, 2025; 17:00 CET
- Final Decisions: December 2015 / Project Start: February April 2026

