

University of Geneva Digital Fellows @swissnexSF
A digital innovation and incubation program

I. Call for Proposals 2017-2018

UNIGE graduate students (MA and upwards), doctoral and post-doctoral researchers may submit proposals for a residency at [Swissnex San Francisco](#) as [University of Geneva Digital Fellows @swissnexSF](#). The minimum period of residency is one month and longer stays are encouraged, up to 90 days or longer if travel authorization and/or visa permits.

Proposals must include active supervision and participation from a UNIGE Faculty member in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project. A letter of endorsement will also be expected from the supervisor, confirming the scientific value and relevance of the project for UNIGE.

The Call for Proposals closes on 1 **November 2017**. Online applications, in English, are welcome at <http://applications.unige-cofunds.ch/>. They will include the following:

- Short project description
- Answers to a questionnaire referring to the criteria mentioned below
- Expectations towards swissnex SF
- Budget outline
- Project timeline
- Letter of motivation
- Letters of endorsement

Proposals will be evaluated by the UNIGE Rectorate and International Affairs.

II. Subject Areas

Proposals are welcome from all academic areas represented at UNIGE. Proposals must be linked to ongoing research or other activities in the Bay Area digital innovation ecosystem. The added value of carrying out activities in San Francisco is a determining factor.

III. Criteria and deliverables

The following criteria and deliverables will be expected from the selected project:

- Criteria
 - Academic excellence
 - Proven added value of the residency
 - Established or planned links with high-profile institutions in the Bay Area
 - Where relevant, perspectives for external funding
 - Involvement and financial participation of the home faculty/department/center
 - Impact on teaching/research at UNIGE
- Deliverables
 - Events presenting the sponsored project in the Bay Area and Geneva
 - Online publication of activities and results during and after the residence
 - Full report with follow-up after the residence (template to be provided)



IV. Financial support from UNIGE Rectorate

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| • Accommodation and living (max./month of stay) | CHF 2'000.— |
| • Travel subsidy (one-time support) | CHF 2'000.— |
| • Support for on-site activities linked to UNIGE objectives (max./stay) | CHF 3'000.— |

V. Services Offered by Swissnex SF

- Office space within Pier 17 community
- Introductions to relevant innovation leaders in Bay Area
- Regular check-ins with swissnex team
- Online visibility
- Events or exhibits, depending on the project

Other elements to be determined depending on selected projects; this can include:

- Participation in relevant programming such as study tours
- Courses and workshops
- Tailored project support
- Others

Please note that outside of the elements mentioned above, each selected candidate will be responsible for all practical elements of his/her stay, including but not limited to flights, housing, visa, insurance, etc.

For any questions regarding the Call for Projects, please contact Mr. Gerd Rothenberg, Senior Advisor, UNIGE International Affairs, gerd.rothenberg@unige.ch