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## Research in migration and health SAMS and Johnson Foundation launch new funding program

**The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation and the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) are launching the funding program «Research in migration and health» to strengthen research in migrant medicine and migrant health in Switzerland. The Johnson Foundation has generously committed to funding the program for a period of three years with CHF 2.7 million in total.**

With the funding program «Research in migration and health», the SAMS and the Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation are contributing to scientific investigation of the significant challenges that health systems face as a result of growing human mobility and international migration. These include, for example, ensuring access to health services, allocating resources effectively, and delivering high-quality care.

The program, which is funded by the Johnson Foundation with CHF 2.7 million, will run from 2026 onwards. It aims to encourage collaboration among research groups in Switzerland and to promote early-career researchers. In the long term, the output of the supported projects should enhance the ability of the Swiss healthcare system to meet the needs of migrant populations. This goal is in line with the conclusions of the FOPH National Programme on Migration and Health and with the WHO Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement.

### Closing existing gaps

In Switzerland, there is no national research network specifically dedicated to advancing knowledge in migration and health, despite a growing research activity still largely dispersed across disciplines and institutions. In addition, important research gaps persist: There is a need to assess and improve migrants' access to health services, to expand the inclusion of migrants in research processes, and to better understand how to promote health resources and health literacy.

The funding program «Research in migration and health» aims to support projects which explore innovative ways to deliver high-quality healthcare to migrants and migrant communities in Switzerland, particularly to those currently underserved or with vulnerabilities. The submission deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

### Further information

- [sams.ch/migration-and-health](https://sams.ch/migration-and-health)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- ↓ [Program regulations](#)

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