

Prof. Hans E. Schmid (HES) Fund
Promoting Young Talent in Organic Chemistry

The HES Fund is opening a call to support the salary of a PhD candidate with a flat contribution of CHF 50,000 for the host lab.

The HES Fund specifically funds students with an interest in organic chemistry in its broadest definition. This requirement does not restrict the award to any specific department or research groups within the University of Zurich.

For the 2026 call, the **application** dossier should contain:

1. A research proposal, written by the PhD candidate, describing the background of their project and the planned research that will be kick-started by the fellowship. This proposal should not exceed five pages of text, figures, and references. The candidate must disclose in detail any use of artificial intelligence tools in the preparation of the proposal.
2. A letter of recommendation of the supervisor of the PhD candidate.
3. CV of the PhD candidate.

The **evaluation** will be carried out by at least two professors of the Department of Chemistry, who will rank the applications using the **rubric** attached below. The award will go to the applicant with the highest combined ranking and in case of a tie in first place, the award will go to the candidate which is assigned the highest number by a random number generator.

The deadline to submit applications is **June 28, 2026**, a decision will be communicated in September. The funds will be available for transfer shortly thereafter and up to 11 months after the decision.

Complete applications should be **submitted by the group leader** in a single e-mail to (pablo.riverafuentes@chem.uzh.ch).