

International Engagement in Practice. Teaching & Presenting Programme

Call for Applications

Would you like to present your work internationally, develop a teaching initiative or collaboration abroad, or take an active role in a major library association? Bibliosuisse can support you.

The International Engagement in Practice: Teaching & Presenting Programme supports Swiss library professionals who wish to contribute actively to the international library community while promoting Swiss library practice, innovation, and expertise abroad.

Eligible activities must take place during the first semester of 2027 (January-June 2027).

1. Aim of the Programme

The programme supports library professionals who wish to:

- Present a project, paper, poster, workshop, training session, or other professional contribution at an international conference or event.
- Develop a teaching initiative or international collaboration that promotes Swiss library practice and innovation.
- Take on an official role within a major international library organisation, such as serving as a speaker, session chair, committee member, standing committee member, or working group lead.

Through this programme, Bibliosuisse aims to strengthen the international visibility of Swiss libraries and encourage professional exchange, collaboration, leadership, and knowledge sharing across the global library community.

2. Significance and Benefits of International Engagement

Engaging Swiss Librarians

- Showcase Swiss library innovation and good practice at international forums.
- Strengthen Switzerland's visibility and influence within the international library community.
- Foster cross-border collaboration by connecting Swiss librarians with international peers and networks.

Bringing Back International Perspectives

- Encourage the transfer of international best practices and new ideas into Swiss libraries.
- Support the dissemination of knowledge acquired abroad through reports, presentations, webinars, or publications.

Benefits to Bibliosuisse

- Reinforces Bibliosuisse's role as a visible and engaged participant in international librarianship.
- Supports professional development opportunities for members.
- Strengthens Swiss participation in key international professional forums and organisations.

Expected Outcomes

- High-quality presentations, workshops, posters, teaching activities, or leadership contributions delivered by Swiss library professionals at international events.
- Follow-up knowledge-sharing activities for the Swiss library community.
- Increased international visibility of Swiss library initiatives and expertise.

The Ambassadorial Role

Recipients of funding are expected to act as ambassadors for Swiss librarianship, highlighting Swiss innovation, collaboration, and professional excellence within the international library community.

3. Target Group

The programme is intended for individual members of Bibliosuisse who wish to gain or expand international professional experience through active participation in international library activities.

Funding is available for up to four participants per funding round.

4. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be individual members of Bibliosuisse.
- Have a minimum of three years of professional experience in libraries and/or information science.
- Be employed at least 50% in a public, academic, school, special or other library in Switzerland.
- Demonstrate a project, expertise, teaching initiative, professional contribution, or official role relevant to an international audience.
- Be willing to serve as ambassadors for Swiss librarianship on the international stage.

Applications from independent professionals, researchers, or recent LIS graduates with substantial professional experience may also be considered. Applications based on a professional dossier are possible.

Priority may be given to activities that contribute to broad international professional engagement and to conferences or organisations where funding opportunities are otherwise limited.

5. Application Timeline

Activities taking place between January and June 2027

- **Application deadline:** 15 November 2026
- **Notification of results:** by 15 December 2026

Applications submitted after the deadline cannot be considered.

6. Funding

Bibliosuisse will contribute towards travel and accommodation expenses for a maximum stay of five days, including travel days.

Maximum reimbursement

- Transportation: up to CHF 400
- Accommodation: up to CHF 1'100

The following expenses are not covered:

- Conference, workshop, or event registration fees
- Meals and personal expenses
- Visa costs or other travel documentation fees

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation. Reimbursement will be made upon submission of an expense claim together with the required receipts.

7. Obligations of Participants

Participation in the programme entails:

- Participation in a preparatory online meeting organised by Bibliosuisse.
- Successful completion of the proposed activity.
- Submission of a short report on the activity.

Recipients will also be required to contribute an article for *Bibliosuisse INFO*, including:

- Description of the activity undertaken.
- Key insights and learning experiences.
- Reflection on the benefits for professional practice.
- Recommendations for the future development of the programme.
- A small selection of photographs where appropriate.

Participants should also be willing to share their experiences at a Bibliosuisse event, webinar, or other internal knowledge-sharing activity.

8. Application Procedure

Interested colleagues are invited to submit a short formal expression of interest using the designated application form by **15 November 2026**.

Following the deadline, the International Commission will review all applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by **15 December 2026**.

Applications should be submitted via the application form available on the [Bibliosuisse website](#).