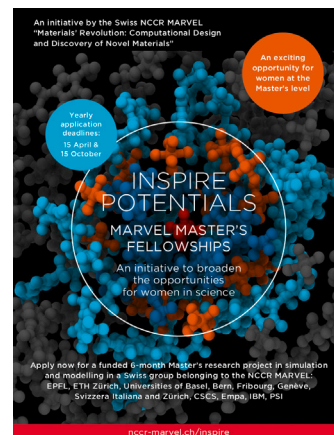


# MARVEL



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## INSPIRE Potentials - MARVEL Master's Fellowships

An initiative to broaden the opportunities for women in science

8 fellowships available every year

### 1. Aim

In a field of science where women are still strongly underrepresented, even at the student level, the *INSPIRE Potentials – MARVEL Master's Fellowships* aim to empower excellent female students to conduct their Master's thesis research in a laboratory belonging to the Swiss National Centre MARVEL on "Computational Design and Discovery of Novel Materials" (<http://nccr-marvel.ch>). This initiative seeks to increase the number of women researchers in the field of simulation science, as represented by the different laboratories involved. A parallel initiative is available through the Swiss National Centre QSIT on "Quantum Science and Technology" (<http://www.nccr-qsit.ethz.ch>); full details for each can be found at <http://nccr-marvel.ch/inspire> and <http://www.nccr-qsit.ethz.ch/equal-opportunity/inspire-potentials---qsit-master-internship-award.html>.

### 2. Candidates

dedicated to female Master's students about to start their Master's research work, who

- demonstrate outstanding motivation and potential to conduct their project in the laboratory of a principal investigator from MARVEL.
- meet the requirements for student enrolment at the host university.

### 3. Fellowships

- CHF 12'000 (split into 6 monthly payments). For travel and other additional expenditures, external awardees (from outside of Switzerland or with a host laboratory other than their home institution) get in addition CHF 500. The NCCR MARVEL covers tuition fees as well as medical insurance for extra-Europeans students, who are not covered by their own country insurance.
- Supervision in a stimulating research environment.
- Social and networking events with students and researchers from the NCCR.

**Note:** Accommodation and other expenses must be paid by the awardee. Combining this fellowship with substantial scholarships isn't possible. Candidates are required to declare all the scholarships they will receive during their master and eligibility will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

### 4. Application procedure

Eight (8) fellowships available every year.

Applications are to be submitted by email to [inspire@nccr-marvel.ch](mailto:inspire@nccr-marvel.ch)

Yearly application deadlines: 15 April & 15 October.

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## 5. Documents required

All documents and diplomas should be preferably in English.

- Résumé (Curriculum vitae)
- Motivation letter, including a list of up to a max of 3 preferred host laboratories
- One or two recommendation letters, mentioning ranking among peers.  
These letters should be sent separately by the recommender(s) to [inspire@nccr-marvel.ch](mailto:inspire@nccr-marvel.ch).
- Copy of your University degree(s) / transcripts with all grades.

The list of NCCR MARVEL host laboratories can be found here:

<http://nccr-marvel.ch/references/equal-opportunities/marvel-laboratories>

## 6. Selection

Selection is made on a competitive basis by members from the NCCR's scientific committee and its equal opportunities team.

Candidates will receive a response regarding their application by email mid June or mid December. Selected candidates will be asked to confirm their participation within 2 weeks.

The fellowship is granted only to selected applicants who have completed enrolment at their host university. Selected candidates are typically asked to start their Master's thesis research in the host laboratory within 6 months. Payment of the fellowship money is subject to on-going activity on the Master's research project.

*The INSPIRE Potentials Master's Fellowships are a joint initiative of the MARVEL (<http://nccr-marvel.ch>) and QSIT (<http://www.nccr-qsit.ethz.ch>) NCCRs.*