General Conditions

Application process
- Only online application forms and supporting documents submitted electronically can be considered.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring their application is complete.
- Only one application for one specific department or research centre may be submitted.
- Application fees are non-refundable.
- Applications submitted will only be considered upon receipt of all the required documents.
- Applicants are responsible for meeting all costs related to authenticating their application documents.

Admission decisions
- The Graduate Institute may at any time require applicants to provide further information, in addition to the documents submitted as part of the application. If an applicant is unable to provide the required information, the Institute reserves the right to cease consideration of his/her application, to withdraw any offer of admission already made, and/or to terminate the applicant's status as a Visiting Fellow.
- Due to the large volume of applications received, no justification will be provided to candidates who are not admitted.
- The Graduate Institute has a non-deferral policy: offers of affiliation cannot be deferred to a subsequent year. The only exception is the presence “force majeure” reasons, such as officially documented illness, accident or death of a relative.
- Admitted researchers pay an administration fee of CHF 500.- prior to the beginning of their research at the Graduate Institute. This amount will not be refunded, except for “force majeure” reasons as described above.
- A research stay cannot be extended if it exceeds 12 month.