



Academic Engagement Associate

Do you feel hopeful about the future? We do. Why? Because science continuously produces knowledge and innovation to address complex situations like changing urban environments, antimicrobial resistance, species decline and climate change. The Academic Engagement team at Swissnex in India feels passionate about the power of knowledge, and about leveraging this power across borders and disciplines.

We connect scientific communities in India and Switzerland in areas that will define the future. These areas encompass not just [biodiversity](#), [climate change](#) and health under the larger umbrella of sustainability, but also digital transformation and future technologies. Our engagement goes beyond researchers and students - we engage with the vocational education training sector and create novel formats for Swiss stakeholders in education, research and innovation to experience other cultures and continents without setting foot into an aeroplane. We take a wide and creative yet strategic approach to do this and are looking to complement the team with someone who shares this notion.

We are looking for individuals with robust academic training, an eye for detail, and a deep interest to learn, discover and develop beyond their subject matter knowledge and expertise. Our work thrives on creative, proactive and inclusive thinking.

If that sounds like you, apply to join our team. This is an opportunity for you to tread beyond your discipline while broadening your interaction with academia in a strategic way. Discover the intersection of academia and startups, innovation and corporates, and let your Swiss peers experience Indian excellence in science and technology at your hands. Highly-motivated, open-minded graduates get to join a forward-thinking diplomatic mission with a focus on science, technology and innovation.

Responsibilities

You will join our team to build new approaches to [addressing planetary health](#), equip [Swiss VET graduates with a global mindset](#) and support [budding Indian researchers](#) in their international experiences. Your job also encompasses developing unique experiences for our Swiss guests, be it for [study tours](#), [networking events](#) or other activities. Excellence does not just happen at an individual level, you are expected to exercise your collaborative skills by working closely with the entire Swissnex team, not just the Academic Engagement team.

Experience and qualifications:

- You are graduating before September 2025 or have graduated within the last 12 months.



- You are either a Swiss citizen or have a valid Permit C.
- You master the English language, and you have impeccable attention to detail.
- You have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in natural sciences/social sciences/engineering or other fields.
- You are curious, eager and comfortable to engage with topics that might not be your core expertise.
- You enjoy working with stakeholders ranging from students to established researchers, and also innovators from the private sector, in industry and startups.
- A plus point would be experience in proposal writing and/or fundraising, including the preparation of pitch decks.

Desirable attributes:

- You have a voracious appetite for knowledge, are comfortable pushing yourself to constantly learn something new—often outside of your comfort zone, are able to stick your neck out with informed opinions when required, and you actively seek out new skills or better ways to do things.
- You are quick to react to emerging demands, proactively engage in projects and pick up different types of work quickly whenever needed.
- You genuinely enjoy working with other people as well as independently, and you like to share a good laugh at the office occasionally.

What we offer:

- An open culture in the context of a diplomatic mission.
- Cutting-edge learning opportunities.
- The opportunity to lead projects in the Academic Engagement team.
- A unique opportunity to experience India. You can expect a high level of camaraderie within the team and with the other associates.
- This internship presents a thrilling prospect for a 10-month period, commencing from September 1st, 2025 and concluding on June 30th, 2026.



- Assistance in housing and the visa process.
- Monthly living allowance of CHF 1200 converted into INR. Living allowance is subject to AHV / AVS and Publica.
- 16.5 days of paid leave and up to 15 days of a mix of Indian and Swiss public holidays.

About Swissnex in India:

A diplomatic anomaly, accelerating positive transformations at the frontiers of knowledge.

At Swissnex in India, Consulate General of Switzerland we connect Swiss and Indian universities, startups, and corporates to foster the exchange of ideas, knowledge and talent. We work across disciplines and are active in a broad variety of fields ranging from tackling [antimicrobial resistance](#) to [rapidly decarbonising large sectors of the economy](#) and [empowering physically disabled people in their digital life](#).

To apply:

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