Mertz Fellowship for polar and high altitude research collaboration between Switzerland and Australia

The Mertz Fellowship programme promotes linkages between Swiss and Australian higher education and research institutions through scientific networking and joint projects.

The programme targets early-career researchers based in Switzerland or Australia and is open to all disciplines interested in polar regions and high altitude area. Interdisciplinary projects as well as projects from, e.g., Social Sciences, Humanities and Economics, are also encouraged.

The award consists of one AUD 10,000 grant available per year from 2022 onward. The fellowship grant can be used toward travel and costs of living (including accommodation). The deadline to apply is 30 October 2022.


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