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Call for nominations: Prix de Quervain for Polar Research (deadline: 16 March 2026)

Ladies and Gentlemen

With the Prix de Quervain, the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences, through their Commissions for Polar and High Altitude Research (SCPH) and of the High Altitude Research Station Jungfrauoch (SKHFJ), support early career researchers in the fields of polar and high-altitude research. The prize is awarded annually, alternating between these two research fields.

The Prix de Quervain 2026 will be awarded for outstanding research conducted in, or originating from, the two polar regions, across all scientific disciplines.

Eligible to participate are early career researchers who have completed their master's, doctoral or postdoctoral work after 15 March 2024 at a research institution in Switzerland. Submissions will be evaluated based on their scientific significance, originality, relevance to science and/or practice, and the overall quality of presentation. The evaluation process will take into account the different qualification levels and the academic age of the applicants.

The prize carries a total award of CHF 5,000, which may be awarded in full to a single recipient or shared among several recipients, depending on the quality of the submissions. The award ceremony will take place on 9 September 2026, during which the prize winner(s) will present their award-winning work at the Swiss Polar Day, currently planned to be held in Sion.

Submissions must be done **online** before 16 March 2026 and must include the following documents:

- Fully completed application form
- CV and publication list of the candidate
- The nominated work
- A letter of recommendation from the supervisor of the nominated work (maximum 1 A4 page)

Thank you very much for your support in promoting young scientific talent. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Naki Akçar, President of the SCPH (naki.akcar@unibe.ch).

Kind regards



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