

# SSPH+ Fellows Regulation

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*Under the proposal of SSPH+ Directorate and  
Based on article 9 paragraph 2 littera a of its Statutes,  
The SSPH+ Foundation Board adopts the following regulation:*

## **Preamble**

This is in the mission of SSPH+ to

1. Reinforce the identity of public health as an interdisciplinary and inter-professional field of science, and to
2. Promote and maintain a skilled public health workforce at the local, national and international level through high quality education and training.

Those objectives can only be achieved with the full support of a solid network of experts exercising a strong leadership in their field both in terms of training and research.

Their valuable contribution to public health at the local, national and international levels deserves recognition by their peers and the general public. The fact they form an important community should also be better acknowledged to reinforce the visibility of the high quality of their academic competencies and achievements.

For that purpose, SSPH+ intends to distinguish the most active and experienced of those experts with the title of « SSPH+ Fellow » as a sign of recognition but also as a way to better identify the real expertise existing in Switzerland in the field of public health. It also wishes to reward members of the Swiss and international academic community for their exceptional career or achievements in public health with the title of « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow ».

Constituting a unique pool of public health experts in Switzerland, the “SSPH+ Fellows” will encourage communication and exchanges between the academic community and all stakeholders in the field of public health, especially the decision and policy makers and the competent authorities.

## **Article 1: Titles**

<sup>1</sup> With the aims of promoting public health and reinforcing the identity and visibility of the academic experts in this field in Switzerland, SSPH+ can grant the following titles:

- a. SSPH+ Fellow
- b. Honorary SSPH+ Fellow

## **Article 2: Nomination**

### **a) « SSPH+ Fellow »**

<sup>1</sup> The title is granted *ex officio* to the professors working in the field of public health in SSPH+ partner's institutions, as well as to academic directors of the SSPH+ training programs (PhD, MAS, DAS, CAS, seasonal schools).

<sup>2</sup> Under the request of a SSPH+ fellow of partner's institutions, this title can also be granted to experts active in the field of public health in relation with SSPH+.

#### **b) « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow »**

The title of « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow » can be granted to members of the Swiss and international academic community as a means to honour their exceptional career and achievements in the field of public health both in terms of research and training.

#### **Article 3: Procedure**

<sup>1</sup> The Directorate establishes the list of all those experts who are entitled *ex officio* to be nominated « SSPH+ Fellow » and verifies that they fulfil the *ex officio* conditions.

<sup>2</sup> For the « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow », their nomination can be proposed by at least 3 « SSPH+ Fellows ».

<sup>3</sup> The Directorate evaluates that the nominees proposed as SSPH+ Fellows or Honorary Fellows fulfil the requirements at the light of the highest quality and ethical standards. If need be, it can also request the opinion of experts. Each nominee is informed about her or his nomination and is formally invited to accept it. The final list of all nominees is then forwarded with recommendations to the Foundation Board. The nomination of « SSPH+ Fellow » or « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow » is done at least once a year.

<sup>4</sup> The decision of the Foundation Board is not subject to appeal. Someone who has been proposed to become « SSPH+ Fellow » or « Honorary SSPH+ Fellow » can be proposed again without limitation.

<sup>5</sup> In case of severe or repeated breaches of the ethical and academic standards, the Foundation Board can withdraw the title, the right to be heard being guaranteed.

#### **Article 4: Entry into force**

The present regulation is applicable since the day of its adoption by the Foundation Board.

Adopted on 31 December 2015 by SSPH+ Foundation Board