

SSPH+ Faculty Members and Fellows Regulation

*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

It 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.

SSPH+ is able to achieve those objectives only thanks to 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 and link the real expertise existing in Switzerland in the field of public health.

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

¹ 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. SSPH+ Faculty member
- c. SSPH+ Faculty member emeritus
- d. SSPH+ Honorary Fellow

Nomination

Article 2: «SSPH+ Fellow»

¹ The title «SSPH+ Fellow» is granted *ex officio* to SSPH+ Faculty members (see Article 3).

² The title «SSPH+ Fellow» is granted *ex officio* to academic directors of the SSPH+ training programs (PhD, MAS, DAS, CAS, seasonal schools), the president of Public Health Schweiz, and the cantonal physicians.

³ Under the request of an SSPH+ Fellow, the Foundation Board can validate granting the title of «SSPH+ Fellow» also to experts active in the field of public health in relation with SSPH+ (e.g., postdoc, lecturers, professionals of national or international agencies, NGOs, foundations, private sector).

Article 3: «SSPH+ Faculty member»

The title «SSPH+ Faculty member» is granted *ex officio* to SSPH+ Fellows holding a faculty position at a member university of the SSPH+ Foundation and an academic track record in public health sciences (i.e., regardless of their academic discipline and faculty affiliation at the SSPH+ partner university) and having ongoing participation in research projects related to public health (see Article 6.2 for procedure).

Article 4: «SSPH+ Faculty member emeritus»

The title «SSPH+ Faculty member emeritus» is granted *ex officio* to all SSPH+ Faculty members, when appointed «emeritus» by their university at retirement.

Article 5: «SSPH+ Honorary Fellow»

¹ The title of «SSPH+ Honorary 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.

² Their nomination can be proposed by at least three «SSPH+ Faculty members» and needs to be approved by the Foundation Board.

Article 6: Procedure

¹ The Directorate maintains the list of all experts entitled *ex officio* to be nominated «SSPH+ Fellow», «SSPH+ Faculty member», «SSPH+ Faculty member emeritus» and «SSPH+ Honorary Fellow» and verifies that they fulfil the *ex officio* conditions.

² Candidates to be nominated as SSPH+ Fellow and SSPH+ Faculty member have to be recommended by an SSPH+ Faculty member of the candidate's home university by submitting a) a short proposal highlighting the candidate's research and teaching activities in public health, b) a motivation statement written by the candidate (max. 100 words) and c) his/her short CV (SNSF format). Deadlines for applications are 31 March or 31 October. The SSPH+ Foundation Board will then make a decision in its semi-annual meetings (May or December).

³ The Directorate updates the list of the SSPH+ Faculty members by asking for any changes/retirement/emeritus once a year to each member university of the SSPH+ Foundation.

⁴ The Directorate evaluates that the nominees proposed as SSPH+ Honorary Fellows, according to article 5, fulfil the requirements. If need be, it can also request the opinion of

experts. The list of nominees is then forwarded with recommendations to the Foundation Board for approval. The SSPH+ Foundation Board will make a decision in its December meeting.

⁵ The decision of the Foundation Board is not subject to appeal. Someone who has been approved as «SSPH+ Fellow» and/or «SSPH+ Faculty member» keeps this title up to her or his retirement. «SSPH+ Faculty member emeritus» or «SSPH+ Honorary Fellow» keep their title without limitation.

⁶ In case of severe or repeated breaches of the ethical and academic standards, the Foundation Board can decide to withdraw the title, the right to be heard being guaranteed.

Article 7: Entry into force

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

All those who were granted the title of «SSPH+ Faculty member», «SSPH+ Fellow» or «SSPH+ Honorary Fellow» prior to the adoption of the present regulation are entitled to keep their title, with the exception of article 6 paragraph 6.

It replaces the SSPH+ Fellows Regulation from 3 May 2019 that is abrogated.

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