



Bottom-up Initiative Transferable Skills Courses¹

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As part of the call for proposals PgB Nachwuchsförderung by swissuniversities, the University of Basel has successfully secured funding for a bottom-up initiative to organize transferable skills courses. Doctoral candidates and, in particular, postdoctoral researchers are invited to submit proposals to the Graduate Center for organizing transferable skills courses in order to apply for funding of up to **CHF 3,600** per course.

Requirements, submission process and deadline

Doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers independently consider which transferable skills course would be a valuable addition during their doctoral or postdoctoral phase, who would be a suitable trainer for the course, and the general conditions of the course. Using the attached application form, funding can be requested for organizing a course in the fall semester 2025 or the spring semester 2026. The applicants are responsible for planning and managing the course, while the Graduate Center can provide support and guidance.

- Funding period: The course must take place in the fall semester 2025 or the spring semester 2026. The invoice must be submitted to GRACE no later than the end of the spring semester 2026.
- Maximum amount: A maximum of CHF 3,600 can be granted per application (equivalent to a two-day workshop of 8 hours per day).
- Number of participants: The expected number of doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers participating in the course must be specified (the minimum number of participants is 6).
- Selection: The following evaluation criteria apply to the selection of funded courses: fulfillment of the requirements, quality of the course, consideration of different areas of the university.
There is no legal entitlement to funding.
- Feedback report: After the course has taken place and together with the invoice, a brief feedback report must be submitted to the Graduate Center no later than the end of the spring semester 2026.
- Application form: For the application, the fully completed form (see document "Application Form") must be submitted.
- Submission deadline: The application form must be submitted to the Graduate Center (grace@unibas.ch) by May 31, 2025 at the latest.

¹ What are transferable skills? Visit our [Transferable Skills webpage](#).