PSI Conditions of Employment for Postdocs

As of 1.5.2024
Salary and allowances

Lump-sum salary
CHF 88 300.– 1st year p.a.
CHF 91 300.– 2nd year p.a.
CHF 94 300.– 3rd year p.a.
CHF 97 300.– 4th year p.a.

The lump-sum salary is paid out in 13 installments. If an employee joins or leaves the company during the course of the calendar year, the 13th salary is paid pro rata (usually in November).

Family allowances
Children up to the age of 16 (in education up to the age of 25) are entitled to an annual family allowance:
CHF 4,605.60 1st child
CHF 2,940.55 additional child, up to the age of 16
CHF 3,310.80 Each additional child, from the age of 16 and in education

If the degree of employment is below 50 %, the allowance is determined in accordance with the Swiss Family Allowance Act (FAA) “Schweizerisches Familienzulagegesetz” (FamZG).

Salary deductions

OASI/DI/EO
(Old-Age and Survivors’ Insurance “Alters- und Hinterlassenenversicherung” (AHV), Disability Insurance “Invalidenversicherung” (IV), fund for loss of earnings “Erwerbsersatzordnung” (EO)) 5.3 % of gross salary

UI (Unemployment Insurance)
“Arbeitslosenversicherung” (ALV) 1.1 % of annual gross salary up to CHF 148 200.–

Non-occupational accident insurance
“Nichtberufsunfallversicherung” (NBU) 0.44 % of annual gross salary up to CHF 148 200.–

Daily allowance insurance
“Krankentaggeldversicherung” (KTG) 0.287 % of annual gross salary up to CHF 250 000.–

Swiss Federal Pension Fund PUBLICA
“Pensionskasse” (PK)
According to the conditions of Publica. The PUBLICA pension scheme may ask for a medical examination and where necessary may insert an exclusion clause for the supplementary parts of the insurance covering death and invalidity.

(Withholding) tax
“(Quellen)Steuer”
According to the regulations of the canton of residence.

Insurance cover

Accident insurance
“Unfallversicherung”
As required by law, all employees are insured against occupational accident and illness, as well as for non-occupational accidents.

Collective UVG supplementary insurance
“Kollektive UVG-Zusatzversicherung”
A supplementary accident insurance exists in addition to the compulsory accident insurance.

Daily allowance insurance
“Krankentaggeldversicherung”
During your employment at PSI you are insured for loss of salary caused by illness.

Health insurance fund
“Krankenkasse”
The insurance of medical expenses in the event of illness is the responsibility of the employee. We refer to the HIA (Health Insurance Act).
“Krankentaggeldversicherungsgesetz” (KVG)
Applies to all persons (including foreign nationals) residing in Switzerland.
Continuation of salary
The continuation of payment of the net salary for employees unable to work due to accidents or illness is a maximum of 730 days, or until the contract expires. In addition to this a comprehensive case management will be offered in collaboration with our insurance providers.

Maternity leave
Employees on maternity leave are entitled to 4 months of leave paid at full salary.

Paternity leave
Paternity leave also for registered partnerships and adoption. The leave amounts to 20 days at full salary.

Duration of dissertation
In accordance with the regulations of the “Schweizerischer Nationalfonds” (SNSF), the payment of postdocs at the PSI is limited to a maximum of 4 years.

Working hours
For full time employees the weekly working time amounts to 41.5 hours (incl. compensation time between Christmas and New Year). The degree of employment for Postdocs at PSI is generally 100%. The tasks must be completed within the agreed duration and within the framework of the research program.

Home office
Working from home is possible up to a maximum of 40% depending on the workload and function.

Vacation
5 weeks/year

Trial period
3 months, extendable to 6 months for scientific staff with special functions.

Period of notice
During the trial period
• 7 days within the first two months
• From the 3rd month 1 month to the end of the following month

After the trial period
• Fixed-term employment can only be terminated by mutual agreement after the probationary period.

Mobility offers
• Parking facilities for CHF 50.– per month, or a mobility bonus of CHF 300.– per year in the form of Reka Rail Checks if you do not use your car.
• Free Half-Fare Public Transport Pass “Halbtax” (min. 50% degree of employment and duration of employment of more than 6 months)
• 10% discount on general season ticket (Generalabonnement) for business use

Fringe benefits
• Personnel Restaurant, the ‘OASE’
• Extensive internal and external educational opportunities
• PhD and Postdoc association; Sports club; Employee’s association; KIWI day nursery
• Career Center:
  https://www.psi.ch/en/careercenter

Health and safety
The health and safety of our employees is of great importance to us. Please direct any questions in this regard to your superior.