

## UZH Space Hub Newsletter



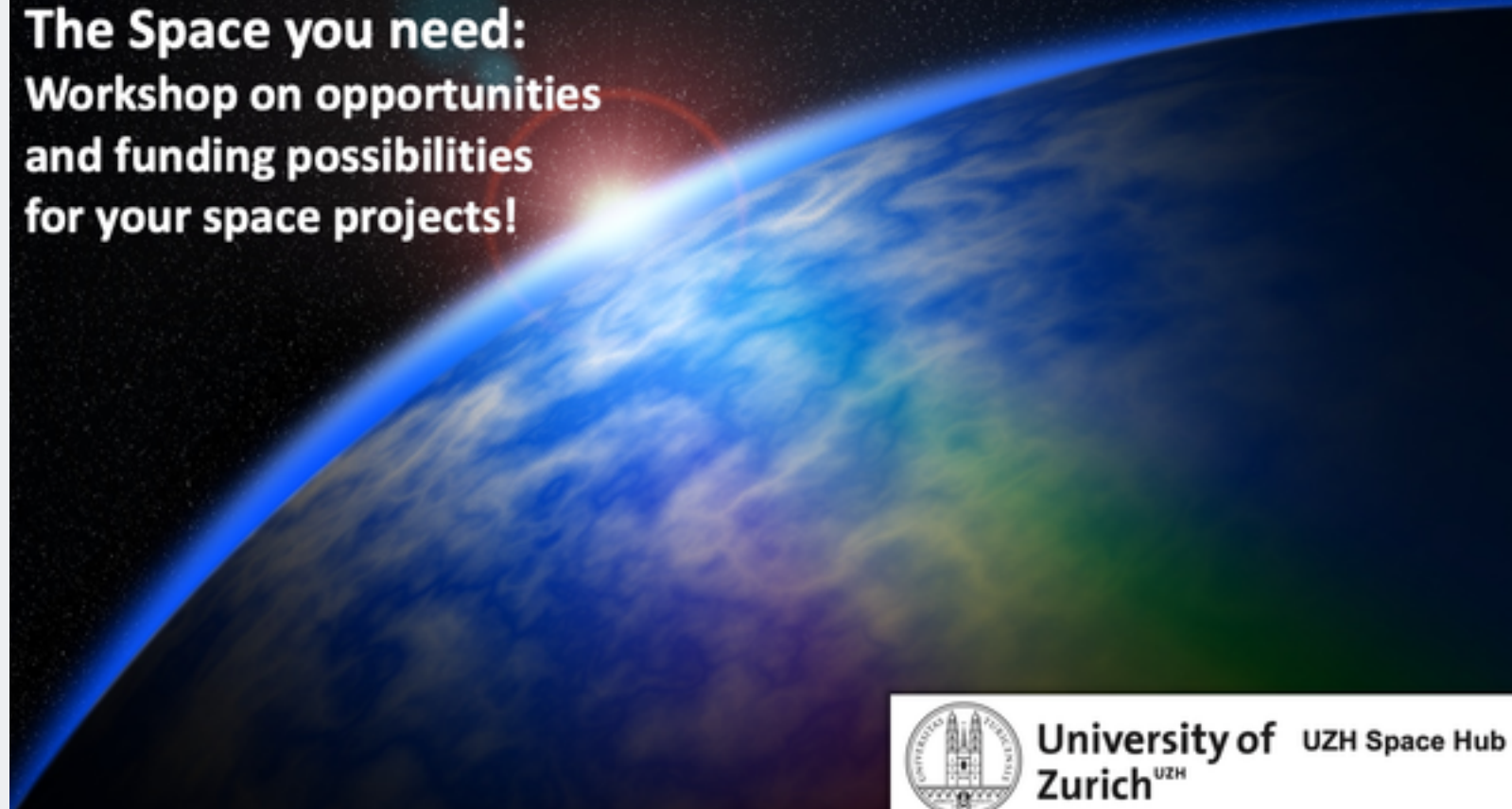
Dear Members of the UZH Space Hub,

In this newsletter you will find several opportunities to fund your research, either through support for start-ups or through fellowships, deadlines are all very close. Since many of these involve PhD students and postdocs, we would be very grateful if you can forward this newsletter and invite them to [subscribe](#). Finally, we would also like to invite you to save the date for an event dedicated to inform the UZH space community about funding opportunities within Switzerland's and ESA's landscape. See more details below.

Have a nice read,

UZH Space Hub Team

### Events



#### The Space You Need

Have you ever wondered about what funding opportunities exist for researchers and companies to work on space projects? Then you should not miss our event on **March 24 at the University of Zurich**. We will have the support of experts from the Swiss Space Center, Euresearch and ESA BIC, who will present and give you all the details about ESA opportunities and Horizon Europe.

You can check the full program on [our webpage](#). Please, notice that the event is free of charge, but for organizational purposes registration is required.

[Registration](#)

### News



#### First UZH Spin-off in ESA BIC program

We would like to congratulate UZH Spin-off *Synthara* for joining the ESA Business Incubator Centre (BIC) acceleration program! *Synthara* is taking care of the design of energy efficient AI chips, that intelligently reconfigure themselves in real-time, consuming the least possible amount of energy, and allow multiple channel combination of information from multiple sensors. If you are also interested in such an opportunity, ESA BIC provides business, technical and financial support up to 200k euros for new space-related start-up projects or existing Swiss start-ups less than 5 years old. This is a great opportunity to push your business, getting not only the network support, but also the possibility to access ESA network and facilities. You can find more information on the [ESA BIC Switzerland webpage](#). The next deadline for applications is February 29.

#### Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UZH

What job possibilities do students and junior researchers have nowadays? The University of Zurich not only supports traditional paths, but also promotes innovation and entrepreneurship, as Michael Schaeppman, Vice President Research, explains in an interview for UZH: "We want to create a culture that encourages students and UZH members to start businesses, to show that being an entrepreneur can be creative and exciting". (photo: Frank Bröderli)



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#### Accessing Space with the ISS Bartolomeo Platform

On January 13, we organized an informative event where Airbus Defence and Space presented its new all-in-one mission Bartolomeo. This platform will provide an easy and affordable way to access the International Space Station (ISS). The participants of this interactive event could benefit from the presentations, a panel discussion and the bilateral meetings we organized together with the Swiss Space Center and Airbus. Now it's time to think about ideas. In fact, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is partnering with Airbus to accommodate a payload on this external platform: the mission is devoted to addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, therefore, if you have an idea, apply by April 30, 2020. For more information, read [here](#).

### Opportunities



#### Funding for Start-ups in BioTech/MedTech - UZH Entrepreneur Fellowships

Are you thinking about a start-up project in BioTech or MedTech based on UZH research? The University of Zurich provides funding, training, lab facilities, and expert advices to young researchers through the UZH Entrepreneur Fellowships. The deadline for application is April 15 (next one in September 2020). If you are interested and need more information, you can either attend the [Focus Event](#) on February 12 or read the following [webpage](#).

#### BRIDGE: Two Funding Partners, a joint Program

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and Innosuisse joined in the BRIDGE program with two new funding opportunities for projects at the intersection of basic research and science-based innovation. If you are a young researcher with an idea for developing your research results into a marketable product, you can apply for the Proof of Concept Funding, the submission deadline is March 9. Instead, if you are an experienced researcher with an innovative idea, you can apply for the Discovery Funding, the deadline for submitting a letter of intent is February 24.

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#### ESA Call for Ideas & Open Innovation Platform (OSIP)

The European Space Agency released a call for ideas for projects with a focus on life science and physical research to be conducted on the ISS to enable further space exploration. Proposals should be addressed at least to one of the topics listed in this [roadmap](#). Read more below and apply for the ESA Call for Ideas by February 12.

[Read more](#)

#### Johannes Geiss Fellowship 2020 at ISSI, Bern

Would you like to work and contribute with your research to the International Space Science Institute (ISSI) in Bern? The call for the Johannes Geiss Fellowship (JGF) 2020 is open. The JGF provides a monthly stipend covering travel cost and living expenses for a stay at ISSI of up to 6 months. The deadline for submission is March 13, 2020.

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