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# Announcement

## ProMontesPrize 2021

Award for research work  
on the future of the alpine cultural landscape

The **Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research (SFAR)**, in collaboration with the **Forum Landscape, Alps, Parks (FoLAP)**, awards prizes for outstanding achievements by young researchers in securing the future of the alpine cultural landscape. The open-land biotopes, habitat for almost a third of the plant and animal species of the Alpine arc, are particularly endangered by reforestation. In the sense of a comprehensive safeguarding of the future of the alpine biodiversity spectrum, the habitats and the cultural landscape forms, research work is awarded that on the one hand examines the multi-layered causes for the changes in the cultural landscape and on the other hand develops practical methods for the reactivation of the diversity of landscape and habitats.

Works and projects on the following topics are eligible for the award:

- Research work on the change of the alpine cultural landscape,
- Research and projects on the conservation, enhancement, and promotion of the cultural landscape in the Alpine region, in particular with regard to biodiversity,
- Research on the socio-economic framework conditions for the promotion of the alpine cultural landscape

### Application

Applications are open to young researchers from universities and universities of applied sciences as well as private and contract researchers from Switzerland with completed dissertations, master's theses, or contract projects. The projects must relate to Switzerland. The age limit is 35 years (exceptions are possible). The work, written in German, French or English, must have been completed between April 2019 and August 2021. Applications must be submitted by 31 August 2021 using the candidate form available online. Download:

[www.alpinfo.ch/en/research/projects/pro-montes-prize](http://www.alpinfo.ch/en/research/projects/pro-montes-prize)

### Selection

A jury consisting of members of the SFAR Foundation Board supplemented by experts from FoLAP will nominate 3-5 applications for presentation at the symposium "Future of Alpine Cultural Landscapes" on the International Mountain Day, 11 December 2021, at the Swiss Alpine Museum, our partner organisation in Bern.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of the work,
- Relevance to the topic of alpine cultural landscape,
- Relevance for practice.

During the symposium, the winner will be selected from the nominees on the basis of the quality of the presentation and the prize will be awarded.

### Prize money

The prize winner receives 3'000 Swiss francs, the other nominees 500 Swiss francs each.

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