Press Kit

swissnex San Francisco

swissnex San Francisco is part of a Swiss global network for international collaboration located at Pier 17. Our mission is to connect people and ideas from Switzerland and San Francisco, and to foster exchange in research, education, innovation, and the arts. Inspiring collaboration across disciplines, industry, and borders, we host universities, startups, corporates, artists, and designers.

As convener, facilitator and curator, we program a range of events, workshops, conferences, symposiums and exhibitions that explore emergent futures such as climate change, humanitarian innovation, sustainability, the future of work, and the impact of science and technology on society and the economy.

From the vantage point of San Francisco & Silicon Valley, we also provide services to startups and corporate clients such as trend scouting, corporate innovation and innovation exchanges to prepare clients for tomorrow.

The swissnex Network

swissnex San Francisco is part of a network of five (5) science and technology consulates around the world. swissnex is an initiative of Switzerland’s State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), managed in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Affairs as an annex of the Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco. The activities of the swissnex Network are based on a collaborative approach, relying on public and private partnerships and funding.

Fast Facts

Founded: November 2003
Employees: 19
Budget: 3M
Funding: swissnex San Francisco receives a third of its funding from Switzerland’s State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). The remaining two thirds is raised by swissnex SF from both public and private partnerships.

Our Projects in Numbers (2019)

Events organized: 70
Startups supported: 23
Residents: 120
Exhibitions: 5
Number of swissnex’s in the global Network: 5

Our Audience (events and visitors in 2019)

swissnex San Francisco event attendees: 8900+*
*Includes organized events that took place either on site or at partner venues in 2019

History

Read an interview with our founder Christian Simm.