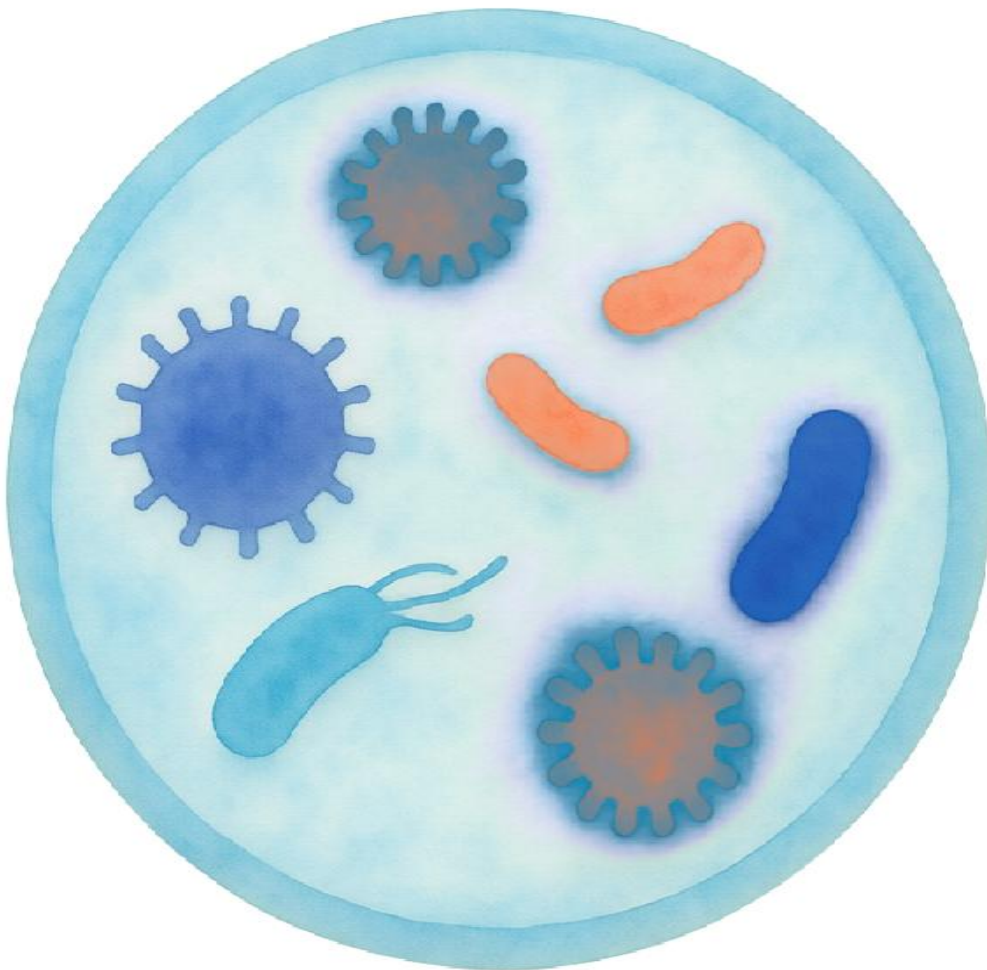


13. November 2026

Evidence to Push Forward on AMR: Is There an Optimal Form?

An International Workshop for Early-Career Researchers on
Evidence, Methods and Policy for Antibiotic Innovation

Call for Proposals



At a glance

A one-day international workshop for PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, early career researchers, and experts working on antibiotic innovation, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), health economics, and related policy questions. Its focus is not only on what the evidence on AMR says, but also on what form that evidence needs to take if it is to inform decisions, and in particular on what economic and social research contributes to prioritising action against AMR.

Why should you attend?

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the greatest global health threats of our time, and addressing the market failure underlying antibiotic research and development (R&D) has become an increasing policy priority. Switzerland's revised Epidemics Act introduces a delinked subscription model to support antibiotic innovation, following pioneering initiatives in Sweden and the United Kingdom. As part of efforts to identify an appropriate model for Switzerland, we have been comparing alternative economic approaches to assessing the value of public investment in antibiotic innovation and quantifying its benefits for public health and society.

That work raised a broader question that extends well beyond the Swiss context: what form does evidence need to take to push forward action on AMR, and is there an optimal form? Economic analysis is central to this. It remains the principal means of comparing options and prioritising scarce resources across prevention, stewardship, diagnostics, surveillance, and innovation, but its outputs are only as useful as they are usable at the moment a decision is made. What alternative forms of evidence, including case studies, deliberative and qualitative work, scenario and narrative approaches, and One Health framings, exist for demonstrating the value of investing in tackling AMR, and how do they sit alongside economic evaluation rather than substitute for it? How can the evidence best support prioritisation, particularly in deciding where the next franc, pound, or euro should go in tackling AMR?

This workshop grew out of these questions. It aims to bring together early career researchers and leading experts to exchange ideas, compare methodological approaches, discuss emerging evidence, and identify priorities for future research on prioritising action on AMR. Above all, it asks participants to be explicit about the decisions their evidence is meant to inform, the audiences it must persuade, and what those audiences actually need in order to act.

Submission information and process

We invite proposals from PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and other early career researchers. Contributions may be empirical, methodological, or conceptual. We particularly welcome economic work that informs priority setting and resource allocation in tackling AMR, as well as case studies examining how such evidence has, or has not, been taken up in decision making, including accounts of what did not work. Submissions should be approximately 1,500 words, excluding references and appendices.

Please submit your proposal by email at jean.uwitonze@unibe.ch.

*Submission of a proposal is encouraged but **not required** to attend the workshop. Participants who do not present are welcome to attend and may be invited to serve as discussants for submitted papers.*

*Presenters are also welcome to be accompanied by their supervisors or proposed discussants. A limited number of **travel stipends** are available for presenters and selected participants*

Preliminary agenda

Thursday, November 12, 2026

19:00	Networking dinner (optional for those who stay overnight)
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Friday, November 13, 2026

08:30 - 09:00	Coffee & Registration
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome and Expert Keynote: framing the question
09:45 - 10:45	PhD / postdoc presentations with Expert discussion
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	PhD / postdoc presentations with Expert discussion
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	PhD / postdoc presentations with Expert discussion
14:30 - 15:30	Expert Panel: What evidence best supports priority setting on AMR?
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee
15:45 - 16:15	A word from Swiss RTA
16:15 - 16:30	Closing Remarks

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Important dates

1. **Oct 7, 2026: Submission deadline**
2. **Oct 15, 2026: Acceptance notifications and announcement of final program**
3. **Oct 30, 2026: Open registration deadline**

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