

We are offering **two one-year academy positions** (50% each) with the **Orchestra della Svizzera italiana (OSI)**. The two positions will be filled in two of the following instrumental sections:
Violin tutti (I or II) or Cello tutti.

The Orchestra della Svizzera italiana has been active for years in promoting young talent. With this in mind, we would like to offer a young student the opportunity to have a period of practice alongside OSI's professional musicians. The activity takes place primarily at the two main venues (the Auditorio Stelio Molo in Besso and the Sala Teatro at the LAC in Lugano), but also on transfers in Ticino, Switzerland, and abroad. If you are a talented young person with a great desire for musical and personal growth, you could be the person we are looking for!

Degree of employment: approximately 50% of the productions, corresponding to about 140 orchestral services

Main workplace: Via Pian Scairolo 28, 6915 Pambio-Noranco

Application: via MUVAC platform (<https://www.muvac.com/vacancy/orchestra-della-svizzera-italiana-nyqk4jvy>)

Registration: by Monday 21 September 2026

Auditions: Monday 5 October 2026

Internship period: October 2026 - July 2027

What we offer

- A full season of orchestral training
- Individual guidance for artistic growth
- Regular individual lessons with section leaders
- Provision of an appropriate musical instrument
- Remuneration: CHF 1'100 gross/month
- Contribution of CHF 500/month for accommodation, generally in the case of residence more than 100 km from Lugano

Conditions for admission

- Being enrolled at a Swiss conservatoire
→ Alternatively, being enrolled at a non-Swiss conservatoire and be a Swiss citizen
- Have a Master of Arts degree in Music Performance or equivalent, or be enrolled in the same
- Not yet 28 years of age

Selection procedure

- Admission to the audition on the basis of the documentation submitted
- Audition with a jury composed of the relevant section leaders and the Artistic Director
- Interview with the Management
- The commencement of the academy period is subject to the issue of the relevant work permit by the competent authorities

Required documents

- Motivation letter
- Curriculum vitae with contact details for references
- Study and work certificates, diplomas
- Other documents may be requested during the recruitment process

For Swiss citizens or holders of a C permit: no additional permit is required.

For citizens of an EU/EFTA member state holding a B residence permit for education/training purposes: written confirmation from the educational institution stating that the current course of study includes a mandatory period of professional training/internship. This confirmation is required for the issuance of the training permit (which may have been issued by another canton), together with authorization to work.

Incomplete, generic or irrelevant applications will not be considered.

Founded in 1935, the OSI is the leading musical organisation in Italian-speaking Switzerland, rewarded by enthusiastic public and critical acclaim in major theatres and halls throughout Europe. It has just won its second ICMA, a prestigious international discographic award.

There are three main festivals in Lugano: "OSI al LAC" (ten evenings from September to April at the LAC - Lugano Arte e Cultura, of which it is the orchestra in residence), "OSI in Auditorio" (six original and imaginative concerts in the Auditorio Stelio Molo RSI in Lugano-Besso) and "OSI a Pentecoste" (three evenings in June, also at the LAC).

Its varied programming, ranging from classical repertoire to contemporary works, makes it a fundamental point of reference for the dissemination of music and musical culture in Italian-speaking Switzerland, as well as playing a prestigious role as a cultural ambassador for its region throughout Switzerland and abroad.