Swiss National Science Foundation
Funding Opportunities
Funding (general) by scheme 2014

- Projects funded by SNSF: 3'469
- Persons supported by SNSF: 9'200
  - younger than 35 years: 76%
  - women: 46%

Total: CHF 848.5 million
Career funding schemes

* Career promotion measures
Aim

Re-integrate and avoid drop out of qualified female researchers with a delay or interruption in their scientific career due to their familial situation (child care or professional career of the partner)

Flexible conditions (part-time work possible, at least 50%) to conciliate research and family
Marie Heim-Vögtlin

Requirements

• PhD candidate or postdoctoral researcher in Switzerland
• Delay in the scientific career
• Good scientific qualifications
• Confirmation from host institution (support during and after the MHV grant)

Duration

• 2 years (follow-up grants for a maximum of 1 year only possible in justified cases)
Marie Heim-Vöglin

**Contribution of the grant**
- Own salary
- Contribution to research costs (max. CHF 12’000 p.a.)
- Travel and conference costs
- Child care (max. CHF 12’000 p.a. & per child)

**Submission deadline:** 2 August 2016 (Earliest start: 6 months afterwards)

**Evaluation procedure**
- 2 phases, second phase with interviews

**Number of grants and success rate**
- Approx. 35 grants per year
- 2014: 23.7%
Mobility fellowships

Aims

The SNSF mobility fellowships are designed for young researchers who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad (outside Switzerland).

**Early Postdoc.Mobility:** postdocs at the beginning of their career

**Advanced Postdoc.Mobility:** experienced postdocs; option for a return grant to come back to Switzerland after the fellowship
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Requirements

• Submission up to 9 months before and up to 2 years after the doctoral exam; exceptions are possible in justified cases (e.g. family care duties)

• Swiss nationality or valid permit for Switzerland, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national

• For persons with foreign nationality: at least 3 years of activity at a Swiss research institution

Duration

• 18 months (12 months possible if justified)

Submission deadlines

• 1 March and 1 September (Earliest start: 2-4 months afterwards)
Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

**Requirements**

- Doctorate (PhD) and research experience of at least 1 year at postdoctoral level
- Submission up to 5 years (benchmark) after the doctoral exam
- Swiss nationality or valid permit for Switzerland, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For persons with foreign nationality: at least 3 years of activity at a Swiss research institution

**Duration**

- Fellowship outside Switzerland: 12 – 36 months
- Return phase in Switzerland: 3 – 12 months

**Submission deadlines**

- **1 February and 1 August** (Earliest start: 6 months afterwards)
Early and Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Fellowship (research stay outside Switzerland)
• Basic amount (depending on host country and marital status)
• Child allowance (CHF 9000 p.a.)
• Travel allowance (outward and return journey)
• Registration fees (if justified)
• Congress costs (max. CHF 2000 p.a.)
• Research costs (only exceptionally, max. CHF 3000 p.a.)

Return grant (Advanced Postdoc.Mobility only)
• Salary with social security contributions

Number of grants and success rates
• Approx. 350 EPM grants and 150 APM grants
• 2014: 54.8% for EPM and 48.5% for APM
Ambizione

Aim

Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland
Ambizione

Requirements

• Doctorate

• At the time of the submission deadline: Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation

• Submission up to 5 years (benchmark) after the doctoral exam

• High level publications

Duration

• 3 years (Follow-up grants are generally not approved)
Ambizione

**Contribution of the grant**
- Own salary (research associate level)
- Project funding (equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)
- Personnel (usually supporting staff, technical personnel, postdoc)
- Candidates with sufficient experience may apply for a PhD student
- Max. CHF 600’000 for 3 years

**Submission deadline:** 12 February 2016 (Earliest start: 7 months afterwards)

**Evaluation procedure**
- 2 phases, second phase with interviews

**Number of grants and success rate**
- Approx. 60 grants p. a.
- 2014: 20.4%
SNSF professorships

**Aim**
Enable junior researchers with several years of recognised research experience to establish an independent research team
SNSF professorships

Requirements

• Doctorate
• Excellent track record
• At the time of the submission: at least 24 months of postdoctoral research experience at a different university from that of the dissertation and at least 12 months abroad
• Submission up to 9 years (benchmark) after the doctoral exam
• Swiss university degree or at least 2 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Duration

• 4 years (follow-up for a maximum of 2 years possible)
SNSF professorships

**Contribution of the grant**

- Own salary (assistant professor level)
- Research allowance for a team and equipment
- Contribution to the infrastructure of the host institution
- Max. CHF 1’600’000 for 4 years

**Submission deadline:** 2 May 2016 (Earliest start: 10 months afterwards)

**Evaluation procedure**

- 2 phases, second phase with interviews

**Number of grants and success rate**

- Approx. 40 grants p. a.
- 2014: 15.4%
International short visits

Aim

• Allow researchers working in Switzerland to go abroad or researchers from elsewhere to come to Switzerland
• Exchange of knowledge that is beneficial to both institutions
• Initiation or consolidation of a continued collaboration between both institutes
International short visits

Requirements
• Visiting fellow must hold a PhD degree and must be employed as a researcher in his/her country of origin before, during, and after the visit
• No geographical limitations: Swiss researchers can go to any other country or researchers from any country can come to Switzerland.

Duration
• 1 week to 3 months

Contribution of the grant
• Travel and accommodation costs

Submission deadline: Anytime
Further information

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