Swiss National Science Foundation
Funding Opportunities
Funding (general) by research area 2012

- Humanities and social sciences: 41%
- Mathematics, natural and engineering sciences: 24%
- Biology and medicine: 35%

Total: CHF 755.2 million

Projects funded by SNSF: 3’500
Persons supported by SNSF: 8’750
  - younger than 35 years: 77 %
  - women: 49 %
Career funding

- Doc.CH
- MD-PhD
- Marie Heim-Vögtlin
- Mobility fellowships
- Ambizione
- SNSF professorships
- Mobility support in projects*
- Summer schools*
- International Short Visits*

* Career promotion measures
Marie Heim-Vögtlin

**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 their partner)

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

Requirements

• Interrupted or reduced research activities due to family commitments
• Excellent scientific qualifications
• Doctoral students: degree (master or equivalent) and matriculation at a Swiss higher education institution
• Postdocs: doctorate
• Confirmation from host institution (support during and after the MHV grant)

Duration

• 2 years (extension by a maximum of 1 year possible)
Marie Heim-Vögtlin

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 2014

Evaluation

- 2 phases, second phase with interviews

Number of grants and success rate

- Approx. 35 grants p.a.
- 2013: 22%
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

• Doctorate (PhD) obtained no more than 2 years ago; 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
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
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
- Success rates: 59% for EPM and 47% for APM
Ambizione

Aim
Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland
Ambizione

Requirements

• Doctorate
• Publications at a high level
• At the time of the submission deadline:
  - Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a university different from that of the dissertation
  - Submission up to 5 years (benchmark) after doctorate/PhD (date of the exam)
• Confirmation from host institute
  - Integration, workplace, access to infrastructure
  - Scientific independence of the applicant
  - Adequate support in the funding of research expenses (e.g. material, equipment, personnel, travel, etc.)

Duration

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

Grant

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

Submission deadline: 13 February 2015

Evaluation

• 2 phases, second phase with interviews

Number of grants and success rate

• Approx. 50 grants per annum
• 2013: 20%
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
• Two to nine years research experience after the doctorate
• Research stay of several years at a research institution different from where the doctorate was obtained and at least one year abroad
• Degree from an institution of higher education in Switzerland or at least two years' activity at a Swiss higher education institution by the submission deadline
SNSF professorships

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

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: 1 May 2014

Evaluation
• 2 phases, second phase with interviews

Number of grants and success rate
• Approx. 40 grants per annum, success rate: 15%
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

Grant

• Travel and accommodation costs
Further Information

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Thank you for your attention!