

Factsheet of readily available funding as well as instruments for international collaboration and career funding for incoming scholars in any discipline and for any country

Category	Description	Eligible costs	Deadlines
<i>Readily available funding</i>			
Scientific Exchanges	<p>Scientific Exchanges are aimed at Swiss-based researchers who wish to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite colleagues from abroad for a research visit to Switzerland or visit their colleagues abroad. Research visits are funded for a period of 1 to 6 months. • Host a scientific event in Switzerland. Scientific conferences or workshops may last from 1 to 5 days and can also be conducted in an online or hybrid format. <p>Scientific Exchanges can also support Scholars at Risk placements of up to one year, for researchers under threat. These need to be assessed by Scholars at Risk in Switzerland and be offered a place at a Swiss university before they can be supported. Applications are submitted by Scholars at Risk representatives at the institution in question.</p>	<p>Travel expenses, room and board costs of the travelling researchers; additional expenses for accompanying children.</p> <p>For online and hybrid events: Costs for external services and technical equipment for more elaborate online aspects of events.</p> <p>For Scholars at Risk: Travel expenses to Switzerland, equivalent of a one-year salary, in total up to CHF 110'000.</p>	<p>At least 4 months before the scheduled start of funding</p> <p>Scholars at Risk applications can be submitted at any time, with no deadline.</p>
Participation in ongoing SNSF-funded projects	<p>PIs may be able to cover the following costs using the global budget of their ongoing grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs for PhD students, postdocs and other personnel (details in Art. 7, General Implementation Regulations). • Costs of collaboration activities directly linked to the research project, travel costs, organization costs for events. <p>All ongoing grants can be found on the SNSF Data Portal.</p>	<p>All eligible costs are described in more details in art. 8 of the regulations on project funding. Availability of funds depends on the granted global budget.</p>	<p>None, so long as grants are ongoing</p>
<i>Instruments for international collaboration and career funding for incoming scholars</i>			
Sinergia	<p>Sinergia promotes interdisciplinary collaborations of 2 to 4 applicants proposing breakthrough research. If there are 3 or 4 applicants, 1 applicant may be based at a research institution outside of Switzerland. All applicants must have obtained a PhD at least 4 years before submitting the application or have equivalent research experience. Sinergia grants last up to 4 years.</p>	<p>No PI salary, but personnel costs of PhD students, postdocs, other personnel, material costs, direct costs for use of infrastructure, conferences and workshops, national and international cooperation and networking</p>	<p>16 May 2022</p>
SNSF Consolidator Grants (CoG)	<p>Since Switzerland is not associated to Horizon Europe, the SNSF launches calls to support researchers (based in Switzerland or abroad) who planned to apply for an ERC Consolidator Grant in Switzerland.</p> <p>Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent degree awarded >7 and ≤12 years prior to submission. A confirmation from a host institution in Switzerland is required with the application. The grants are awarded for up to 5 years.</p>	<p>Salary and social security contributions for the PI/scientific and technical staff; material costs, costs for project-related use of infrastructures at institutions or laboratories; costs for sub-contracting; installation costs in connection with the move to Switzerland.</p>	<p>1 June 2022 (<i>pre-registration after the deadline of 2 May 2022 is possible</i>)</p>

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Project partners in SNSF projects	PIs can add project partners to their application. Project partners are researchers in Switzerland or abroad who make a partial contribution to a research project. Project partners must be designated in the application. The project partner role exists for most instruments of the SNSF.	Project partners may request up to 20% of a project's total budget.	Various, for Project Funding: 1 April and 1 October
Ambizione	Ambizione is aimed at young researchers (from Switzerland or abroad) who wish to conduct, manage and lead an independent project in Switzerland. Applications may be submitted no later than 4 years after the PhD. Ambizione grants are awarded for up to 4 years.	PI's salary and the funds needed to carry out the project.	1 November 2022
Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships (SPF)	Since Switzerland is not associated to Horizon Europe, the SNSF launches calls to support researchers (based in Switzerland or abroad) who planned to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship in Switzerland. The Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships (SPF) facilitate a research stay in Switzerland of up to 24 months for postdocs. SPFs are awarded for a continuous stay in Switzerland. It is permissible, however, to conduct short research stays at different host institutions for the maximum total duration of one third of the SPF.	PI's salary, project funds, including research costs directly linked to the implementation of the project, training and networking	Currently no call (<i>likely again in fall 2022</i>)

References and links:

- [Funding Regulations](#)
- [General Implementation Regulations](#)
- [Project Funding Regulations](#)
- [SNSF Data Portal](#)
- [Overview of SNSF funding instruments](#)