

Career funding schemes of the SNSF

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) offers a large range of funding opportunities. The various career funding schemes are listed in the table below. More details can be found in the relevant regulations.

Schemes	Conditions	Duration	Country	Contact	Innovations
All disciplines					
Mobility grants in projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral student working for a research project funded by the SNSF • Supported by host institution 	6–12 months	Abroad	SNSF division dealing with main research project	
Doc.Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral student • Applications to be submitted at the earliest 12 months after matriculation as doctoral student 	6–18 months	Abroad	SNSF Research Commissions of the universities/ETH or SNSF Fellowship Commission fellowships@snf.ch	Doc.Mobility will only be discontinued at the end of 2020 and not during the ongoing 2017–2020 funding period as initially planned.
Early Postdoc.Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postdoc starting a research career • Applications to be submitted 9 months before and up to 2 years after the doctorate (PhD) or up to 6 years after the state examination for medical researchers • Completed doctoral exam, viva or state examination by the time the fellowship is started 	18 months	Abroad	SNSF Research Commissions of the universities /ETH or SNSF Fellowship Commission fellowships@snf.ch	Early Postdoc.Mobility will not be merged with Advanced Postdoc.Mobility to form a new funding scheme “Postdoc.Mobility” during the current funding period (2017–2020); instead it will be continued in its present form until the end of 2020. It will merge with Postdoc.Mobility in 2021.
Postdoc.Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the application no later than 3 years after obtaining the doctorate and 8 years after the state examination for medical researchers with at least 3 years of clinical experience 	24 months (with a return option to Switzerland: 3–12 months)	Abroad	Careers division of the SNSF fellowships@snf.ch	
PRIMA (Promoting Women in Academia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIMA grant: salary and project funds (incl. salaries of employees), possibility of a stay abroad for up to 24 months • At least 24 months of research experience after the PhD or medical exam • For clinical researchers: at least 3 years of clinical activities after the medical exam • Submission of the application up to 10 years after the PhD or up to 14 years after the medical exam. 	5 years	Switzerland	Careers division of the SNSF prima@snf.ch	
Ambizione	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambizione grant: own salary and project funds • Ambizione project grant: project funds only • Application to be submitted up to 4 years after the doctorate; up to 9 years after the state examination for medical scientists with at least 3 years’ clinical activity • Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation/ state examination 	48 months	Switzerland	Careers division of the SNSF ambizione@snf.ch	

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SNSF Eccellenza	<p>SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3–8 years of research experience after the doctorate; up to 12 years after the state examination for medical researchers with at least 3 years of clinical experience • Two years of postdoctoral research experience at an institution other than the one where the applicant obtained his/her doctorate, 12 months of which were spent abroad • Applicant's own salary, at the local rates applicable to assistant professorships, and project funds <p>SNSF Eccellenza Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position as tenure-track assistant professor at a Swiss higher education institution for no longer than 18 months at the time of the submission deadline, or assurance of a tenure-track assistant professor starting, at the latest, on the same day as the project • Only project funds 	60 months	Switzerland	Careers division of the SNSF eccellenza@snf.ch	New scheme at assistant professor level. The SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships replace the SNSF professorships. There will not be any further calls for SNSF professorships
Humanities and social sciences					
Doc.CH (HSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation topic of one's own choice • Master's degree (or similar degree) • Submission of application no more than 2 years after master • At least one change of higher education institution between bachelor and start of PhD or stay abroad of at least one semester during doctoral studies 	24–48 months	Switzerland	Careers division of the SNSF Doc.CH@snf.ch and SNSF Research Commissions of the universities/ETH	During the funding period 2017–2020, the Doc.CH scheme will continue as before. For financial reasons, it has not been possible to introduce the Doc.Grants, which were planned as a replacement for Doc.CH and would have covered all disciplines.
Biology and medicine					
National MD-PhD programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed studies in human, dental or veterinary medicine • Programme run by the Swiss Academies of Medical Sciences (SAMS) in collaboration with a number of foundations (including the SNSF) 	36 months	Switzerland	SAMS: m.tapernoux@samw.ch and local MD-PhD commissions www.samw.ch › Funding › MD-PhD-Programme; submission of proposals to local MD-PhD commissions at the universities	

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