The Swiss National Science Foundation
International Funding Opportunities

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The SNSF

• Promotes scientific basic research on behalf of the Confederation
• Invests in young scientists
• Enables research stays abroad
• Promotes international cooperation
• Promotes gender equality
SNSF Funding schemes

Source: Guidelines for selecting SNSF funding schemes, August 2011
Researchers at universities of applied sciences and universities of teacher education without a doctorate need to show that they have the necessary research experience.

Knowledge is the key to the future.
The SNSF in numbers 2015

Funding by scheme
Approved amounts in CHF and as share of total funding amount

- **Projects**: 877.7 million CHF (50%) (641.4 million)
- **Careers**: (199.0 million)
- **Programmes**: (203.8 million)
- **Infrastructures**: (27.9 million)

**50% of the funds are allocated to project funding**

- **3,273 research projects** were funded in 2015
- **14,800 researchers** were involved in SNSF-funded projects as at 30 June 2015

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Funding by research area 2015

877.7 million CHF

218.2 million
25%
Humanities and Social Sciences

306.0 million
35%
Mathematics, Natural and Engineering Sciences

353.3 million
40%
Biology and Medicine

0.2 million
0%
Unapportionable

Approved grants in CHF million and as share of total funding amount

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Research cooperation with Argentina
Argentinian-Swiss Joint Research Programme

- Pilot call for joint research projects (JRPs) with MINCyT\(^1\) and CONICET\(^2\)
- Funding for 10 three-year JRPs, open topics
  - Swiss grant: <250 kCHF / project
  - Argentinian grant: research and collaboration costs
- Call closed on 3\(^{rd}\) October 2016
  - 80 eligible proposals submitted
  - Earliest project start: June 2017

1) MINCyT: Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation
2) CONICET: National Scientific and Technical Research Council
International cooperation
Instruments and programmes
SNSF international cooperation strategy

**Optimise and facilitate the conditions** under which international collaboration and scientific exchange can take place

**Lower barriers for cross-border co-operation** on individual projects, international programmes, and access to research infrastructure

Facilitate **researcher mobility**, foster **institutional co-operation**, and build **scientific capacity** in research communities in developing nations and countries in transition
International Funding Opportunities

- Through SNSF project funding
- Mobility fellowships
- Scientific exchanges
- International programmes
- Supplementary measures
International cooperation within project funding

• Free choice of research themes in all scientific disciplines
• Max. 4 year projects
• 2 calls per year (April / October)
• Single-step peer-review, 6 months to decision
• **Project partners** (new): minor contribution (<20%), eligible to receive project funds
Mobility Fellowships

• Doc. Mobility (6-18 months)
• Early Postdoc.Mobility (18 months)
• Advanced Postdoc.Mobility (12-36 months)
• Ambizione (incoming researchers)
• International Short Visits
Fellowships by host country (2005-2015)
Scientific exchanges

- **International Short Visits** (up to 3 months)
  - For researchers in Switzerland to go abroad or researchers from abroad to come to Switzerland
  - Support for travel and living expenses
- **International Exploratory Workshops**
  - For researchers working in Switzerland
  - Support for travel and living expenses of the funded participants
- **Conference Grants**
International Programmes

- Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d)
- International Joint Research Projects (iJRP) (2018)
- **Bilateral Programmes** of the Swiss Confederation (China, India, Russia, South Africa, Japan, South Korea, Brazil and Argentina)
- The new **Sinergia** Programme
r4d programme

• Joint research projects on global issues for researchers in Switzerland and in developing and emerging countries
• Five thematic modules and one thematically open module
• Overall budget: CHF 97.6 million (2012-2022)
• Eligible countries:
  • Least developed, low income and lower middle income countries
  • Optional: BICS and upper middle income countries
• **Next call**: 3rd thematically open module, Winter 2016/2017
Sinergia

- Interdisciplinary collaboration for breakthrough research
- 2-4 applicants and their groups collaborate closely in a network
- One applicant may be based abroad if 3 or 4 applicants
- Grants for 1-4 years and up to CHF 3.2 million
Supplementary Measures

**Money follows Researcher** *(worldwide):*
→ continuation of SNSF project abroad

**Money follows Co-operation Line** *(D, AUT):*
→ funding of smaller project parts abroad

**Lead Agency procedure** *(D*, AUT, LUX, FR):*
→ joint research projects, evaluation by one organisation (=Lead Agency)

*(Bilateral agreement with Germany)*
Opportunities after Seed Money projects

- SNSF project funding (project partner)
- Mobility fellowships
  - Doc.Mobility, Postdoc.Mobility
  - International Short Visits
- Programmes
  - r4d (with additional country)
  - Sinergia
- Structural measures
  - Money Follows Researcher
The reality of science:  
International Cooperation