Support for young academics after the doctorate: the mission of the Research Services

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• Who is concerned?

Experienced researchers in possession of a doctoral degree
• Objectives

- Encourage young scientists and academics with a view to ensure that Switzerland has enough highly qualified professionals and to help strengthen the Swiss research

- The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is charged by the Confederation to support basic research and to encourage young scientists in Switzerland using public funds

“If Switzerland is to maintain its leading position in international research, we need to support young researchers and create the conditions they need to be successful.”

Matthias Egger, President of the National Research Council; Angelika Kalt, Director of the Administrative Offices; Gabriele Gendotti, President of the Foundation Council - SNSF
• Actions

I - Targeting

- Research Services: 3 different information channels for young scientists
  - National and Regional Research Support
  - Euresearch
  - SNSF Research Commission (Corec)

II - Information / Support

- Meetings
- Information about subsidies: overview of programs dedicated to young researchers (post-doc)
SNSF and EU Grants for Young Researchers

Swiss National funding instruments

European funding instruments

- Ambizione
- MSCA IF
- PRIMA
- ERC StG
- ERC CoG
- ECCELLENZA

Doc.CH
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Master, PhD Student, Post-doctoral, Assistant Professor

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III - Coaching

➢ SNSF professorships coaching – Phase II
  Previous years: 2014; 2015; 2016
  2017: 11, 20, 21 December

➢ ERC Interview Training: StG and CoG Applicant Training
  Previous years: 2014; 2015; 2016
  2017: May and August

IV - Events

➢ Young Researcher’s day: 2014-2015-2016-2017
➢ FNS “Tour de Suisse”
Subsides de recherche par catégorie d'encouragement
Montants alloués en francs et en pourcentage du financement total

937,3
millions de francs

22% Carrières
(206,7 mio)

46% Projets
(434,7 mio)

3244 nouveaux projets de recherche
approuvés en 2016

14'600 scientifiques
participaient à des projets financés par le FNS au 30.6.2016.
Ce chiffre comprend les chercheurs et leurs collaborateurs.
Distribution of the UNIGE SNF funding schemes (2016)

Distribution of UNIGE Career funding schemes

- International short visits: 8
- MD-PhD-Programm: 2
- Advanced Post-Doc Mobility: 6
- AP energy grant: 1
- Ambizione: 7
- Doc.CH: 11
- MHV-Marie Heim Vögtlin: 8
- Professeurs Boursiers FNS: 9

Total Career funding schemes: 4'000'000 - 8'000'000
Ambizione

- Promote qualified researchers from Switzerland as well as excellent researchers from abroad

- PhD: Eligibility 4

- 400’000 CHF for 4 years (2 years min.) for project funds (+ researcher’s salary)

- Research activities >1 year after the doctoral thesis at a different institution

- All disciplines

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1st November 2018
BRIDGE

- Joint programme conducted by the SNSF and the Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI);
- 2 funding schemes: *Proof of Concept* and *Discovery*

### Proof of Concept:

- For young researchers: to develop an application or service based on their research results

#### Eligibility

- 130'000 CHF for 1 year (extension once for a maximum of six months) for project funds + researcher’s salary
- All disciplines
Submission deadlines for Proof of Concept projects

5th call: 11 December 2017
6th call: 19 March 2018
7th call: 04 June 2018
8th call: 10 September 2018
9th call: 10 December 2018
PRIMA

- Excellent female researchers: an excellent track record in the research field and the ability to conduct the proposed research project independently

- 750'000 CHF for 5 years (2 years min.) for project funds + researcher’s salary

- All disciplines

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1st November 2018
As of 2018: SNSF professorships replaced by a new scheme open to both current SNSF professors and newly appointed assistant professors.

SNSF professorships

SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships

SNSF Eccellenza Grants
SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship

- Excellent researchers who have not yet won an assistant professorship

- PhD

- 3 Eligibility

- 8 Years

- 1'000'000 CHF for 5 years: researcher’s salary + project funds

- Research stay > 2 years in another institution and > 1 year abroad

- Degree from an institution of higher education in Switzerland or at least 2 years' activity at a Swiss higher education institution

- All disciplines

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 February 2018
SNSF Eccellenza Grants

- Excellent researchers who have recently been appointed as assistant professors with tenure track (APTT)

- 1'500'000 CHF for 5 years: project funds

- APTT: no later than the start of the project; & < 18 months, at the submission deadline

- All disciplines

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