About SNSF: some facts

• Private foundation established in 1952 - headquarters in Bern

• Promotion of fundamental research projects in all disciplines:
  -> projects funding

• Promotion of young researchers:
  -> careers funding
SNSF: some figures

PROJECTS: 3’244 granted projects in 2016 (14’600 researchers)

  937.3 mio CHF in 2016 (vs. 2015 + 6.8%)

  -> 106.3 mio CHF for UNIGE

CAREERS: 206.7 mio CHF in 2016 (vs. 2015 + 3.8%)

  -> 58.7 mio CHF concerning mobility fellowships

75% of fundings are granted to researchers younger than 35 years old
What is the role of the SNF research commission in UNIGE?

- Grant *Doc.CH*: prior-selection

- Fellowships:
  - *Doc.Mobility*: decision making
  - *Early Postdoc.Mobility*: decision making
  - *Postdoc.Mobility*: notice

- Research funding: advice

- **Composition of Commission**: 1 President, 1 Vice-president, 13 representatives for each faculty (including alternates), 1 secretariat (3 people)
Postdoc.Mobility

Postdoc.Mobility fellowships are aimed at researchers who have a doctorate and who wish to pursue an academic career in Switzerland.

In addition to the fellowship, holders can apply for a return grant to finance their initial period of research after returning to Switzerland.

The funding period is in principle 24 months (fellowship) and 3 to 12 months (return phase).
Participation requirements

**Doctorate (PhD, MD-PhD)** or completed studies in human, dental, veterinary, social or preventive medicine.

**Submission up to 3 years** after the doctoral exam (PhD, MD-PhD); the date of the examination, respectively the defence of the doctoral thesis is relevant date. Medical researchers without MD-PhD: submission **up to 8 years** after the state examination and **at least 3 years** of clinical activity after the state examination.

Swiss nationality, holder of valid Swiss permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, married to a Swiss national or co-habiting with a Swiss national in a registered partnership.

**At least 2 years of research activity** at a Swiss research institution (for foreign nationals).
Postdoc.Mobility

Deadlines

February 1\textsuperscript{st} / August 1\textsuperscript{st} – 5:00 p.m.

Submission

through \textit{mySNF}

Evaluation

SNSF Research Council

Starting of funding

At the earliest 6 months after the deadline submission

Duration : 24 months, and 3 to 12 months (return phase)
SNSF – Careers funding

SNSF provides a wide selection of funding solutions in all disciplines, in order to ensure the best development of your career.
Doc.CH in the humanities and social sciences (HSS)

Objectives

• Funding is aimed at promising researchers

• Intended to support them for the writing of the doctoral thesis on a topic of their own choice in the humanities and social sciences in a Swiss university

• With excellent records on MA diploma

• 100% work time (reduction possible of max. 20% reduction, upon specified request)
**Doc.CH (HSS)**

**Duration**

2 – 4 years (the grant is divided in 2 parts : 2 years + 1 – 2 years)*

After 18 months of funding, the grantee has to submit an application and a scientific report

*The grants are awarded for a maximum of 4 years starting from the date of matriculation as a doctoral student.

**Submission**

Application through *mySNF* to the local SNSF Research Commission of the required Swiss university.
Doc.CH (HSS) – Next deadlines

Submission deadlines
10 March / 10 September 2018 at 05:00 pm (Swiss local time)

Decision
Phase 1: ± end of April 2018 / October 2018
Phase 2: ± beginning of July 2018 / January 2018

Starting of funding
At the earliest on September 1\textsuperscript{st}, resp. March 1\textsuperscript{st}, or around 6 months after the deadline submission.
Doc.Mobility

Doc.Mobility fellowships are designed for doctoral students who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad.

Participation requirements

Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months (exemptions possible in justified cases)

Swiss nationality, permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss

Activity of no less than 12 months at a research institution in Switzerland (for applicants who do not hold Swiss nationality)

Duration

6 – 18 months

Deadlines

March 1st / September 1st - 5:00 p.m.
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowships are designed for postdoc at the beginning of their career who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad.

Participation requirements

A completed doctorate (PhD) or completion within the next 9 months, or completed medical training with a doctorate (MD)

Submission up to 2 years after obtaining the doctorate (medical researchers: up to 6 years after the state examination)

Activity of no less than 3 years at a research institution in Switzerland (for applicants who do not hold Swiss nationality)

Duration: 18 months (or 12) 

Deadlines:
March 1st / September 1st - 5:00 p.m.
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Extension of the period of admission: allowed Reasons

- Maternity, paternity or adoption leave
- Inability to work due to illness or accident
- Duty of assistance
- Community services, including military or civilian service
- Continuing education, including internships or clinical activity
Evaluation criteria – DM & EPM

• Quality, originality and importance of the research project
• Scientific achievements and track records of the applicant
• Probability of graduating / feasibility and perspectives of the project
• Ability to pursue (in Switzerland) a scientific career
• Host institution quality (working conditions, coaching possibilities and professional training)
• Expected gain in terms of mobility
# Annual contribution («mobility»)

## 1. Abroad fellowship

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## 2. Return phase

own salary (payroll taxes incl.)
Gender Equality Grant

Individual and flexible support for young women scientists

The gender equality grant is aimed at young women researchers funded by the SNSF. It offers them additional individualised and flexible support for their career development.

An eligible person receives CHF 1’000.- per 12 months' approved project running time. The grant may be used to finance career support measures but does not cover family support measures.
Contact us !

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➢ New: from January 2018, without appointment every Wednesday 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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