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Temporary measures for women researchers submitting proposals to the ERC

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The National Research Council (NRC),
based on Article 48 of the Funding Regulations,
has issued the following provisions:

1. Objective

- 1.1 The SNSF takes temporary measures to increase the share of women researchers in the humanities and social sciences taking part in ERC calls.
- 1.2 For a limited period, the measures make it easier for women researchers whose proposals to the ERC have been rejected to submit a proposal in an SNSF funding scheme.

2. Conditions

- 2.1 Women researchers in the humanities and social sciences whose funding proposals for Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grants have been rejected by the ERC at the second evaluation stage may resubmit their proposal to the SNSF under simplified conditions within a period of one year following the rejection decision of the ERC.
- 2.2 The simplified submission process is available for the schemes:
 - a. SNSF professorships, if the application includes a salary;
 - b. Project funding, if no salary is included.
- 2.3 Only one application per researcher may be submitted under these simplified conditions.

3. Submission process

- 3.1 The research plan, publication list and CV of the proposal that was rejected at the second round by the ERC are submitted to the SNSF without modification.
- 3.2 In addition, the internal and external reviews produced during the ERC procedure must be submitted. These will be used for the process at the SNSF. The SNSF will generally not seek to obtain new expert reviews.

4. Evaluation procedure

- 4.1 The proposals will be evaluated and a decision reached as follows:
- a. In the case of proposals for SNSF professorships, the applicant will be invited to an interview. A decision will be reached on the proposal in conjunction with the other proposals submitted for the second evaluation phase of the funding scheme.
 - b. Applications for project funding will be evaluated together with the other proposals received by the relevant submission deadline and a decision made.
- 4.2 If proposals submitted under the simplified conditions are approved, any research plans drawn up in accordance with the five-year funding periods of the ERC must be adapted to the shorter grant duration of the corresponding SNSF funding scheme.

5. Duration

- 5.1 The simplified evaluation procedure for women researchers is a gender equality measure and as such will expire at the end of 2016.
- 5.2 The SNSF reserves the right to extend the measure beyond 31 December 2016 or adopt subsequent measures.¹

6. Entry into force

These provisions were approved on 15 September 2015 by the National Research Council. They enter into force on 1 January 2016.

¹ In accordance with the Research Council's decision of 1 November 2016, the measure is extended until 31 December 2017.