SNSF & Innosuisse funding scheme events

Friday, 11 December 2020
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Presentations

• Both your audio and video are switched off. You should be able to see the presentation and video of the person speaking.

• If you're experiencing technical problems, you can contact us using the chat function.

• The presentations will be recorded (slides and speaker's voice).

• The slides and recordings of all presentations will be available on our website for a few weeks after the events.

• We will not take any questions during presentations or immediately afterwards.

• If you have any questions, please use the Q&A session concerning the scheme you are interested in.
Rules

Q&A Sessions

• These sessions will take place after the last presentation. You'll find all the links on www.snsf.ch/liveevents

• The Q&A sessions are organised as follows:
  ➢ The experts will talk to one person at a time to ensure the confidentiality of all conversations.
  ➢ You will therefore have to wait until it is your turn.

Thanks in advance for your patience. If the waiting time is very long, you could try to join the session of another scheme.
MOVING FORWARD WITH INNOSUISSE

Kathrin Kramer
Deputy Head of Division Project and Programme Funding
Head Energy Funding Programme / Flagship Initiative

11.12.2020
Innosuisse is the Swiss Confederation’s agency for promoting innovation.

Our Mission:
Innosuisse promotes science-based innovation in the interest of the economy and society in Switzerland – in all disciplines.
THE CONTRIBUTION OF INNOSUISSE PROMOTES INNOVATION IN SWITZERLAND

TO GENERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL VALUE

TO PROMOTE DISRUPTIVE BUSINESS MODELS

TO CREATE JOBS WITH HIGH ADDED VALUE

TO INITIATE AND PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
“To achieve our goals, we need to be willing and above all able to take risks. This involves aiming to achieve great success with all the potential positive effects, while also accepting the risk of making a mistake or failing without it being the end of the world.”

André Kudelski, Chairman of the Board
ON DUTY FOR INNOSUISSE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Strategic body

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Operational body

INNOVATION COUNCIL
Specialist body

SEVEN
MEMBERS

41
124
165
EXPERTS

23
MEMBERS

75
EMPLOYEES

20
INNOVATION
MENTORS

18
START-UP
COACHES
ALLOCATED FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS
IN 2019

TOTAL: CHF 266 MILLION

- 71% | START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT
- 4%  | START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- 3%  | BE CONNECTED
- 7%  | GO GLOBAL
- 12% | ENERGY PROGRAMME SCCER
- 3%  | BRIDGE PROGRAMME
INNOVATION PROJECT
FACTS AND FIGURES 2019

808
funding applications for innovation projects.

60%
APPROVAL RATE
678 applications were assessed of which 404 were approved.

15%
PROPORTION OF WOMEN
at main research partners in approved innovation projects; 13% at main implementation partners.

17%
RADICAL INNOVATION
One out of six innovation projects aims at disrupting a market.

400 innovation cheques were approved. The approval rate is 78%.

The following partners are involved in the approved projects:

RESEARCH PARTNER

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER

Universities of applied sciences (54%)

Large companies (18%)

SMEs (82%)

ETH domain (19%)

Universities (16%)

Other (11%)
INNOSUISSE PROMOTES INNOVATION IN FOUR AREAS

BE CONNECTED

START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

GO GLOBAL

START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

WE PROMOTE INNOVATION

MOVING FORWARD WITH INNOSUISSE
START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

PRELIMINARY STUDIES WITH INNOVATION CHEQUE

INNOVATION PROJECTS

BRIDGE PROGRAMME BY INNOSUISSE AND SNSF

FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE
INNOVATION CHEQUE
TEST YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEA

SMES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS <250 FTES
- Easy entry into science-based innovation
- Evaluation of the feasibility of an innovative idea

RESEARCH PARTNERS
- Research services for the implementation partner up to CHF 15,000

INNOVATION CHEQUE
- Innovation cheque by Innosuisse up to CHF 15,000

PRELIMINARY STUDIES
- Concept developments, idea studies or analyses of innovation potential and the feasibility

Apply for a cheque: https://www.innosuisse.ch/analytics
INNOVATION PROJECT
BETWEEN BUSINESS AND RESEARCH

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS (industry partners, SMEs, NGOs, administration)
- Obtain access to scientific know-how and research and development resources
- Provide business expertise and customer perspective

RESEARCHERS
- Obtain business expertise and customer perspective
- Provide scientific skills and research infrastructure

INNOVATION PROJECT
50% Funded by Innosuisse
50% Contribution by the implementation partner incl. 10% cash

MARKET IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INNOVATION

Submit your application online: https://www.innosuisse.ch/analytics
FOR AN INNOVATION PROJECT
A GOOD APPLICATION IS...

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<td>▪ Project plan is comprehensible</td>
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INNOVATION PROJECTS
EVALUATION PROCESS

Evaluation duration (in weeks) – depending on dates of evaluation meetings

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Submission by applicants

Formal check

Innosuisse Secretariat

Independent evaluation by 2 experts

Experts for Innosuisse

Preparation of evaluation meeting: ranking list

Innosuisse Secretariat

Review of the applications

Evaluation duration (in weeks) – depending on dates of evaluation meetings

Funding decisions in evaluation meetings

Innovation Council

Communication and contract
WE PROMOTE INNOVATION

INNOVATION PROJECTS

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Innovation degree
- Sustainability and value creation in Switzerland
- Methodology and team competences

TWO INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS

with the same weighting

Evaluation expert 1

Evaluation expert 2

The Innovation Council takes its independent decision on the basis of the experts’ evaluation

EVALUATION EXAMPLES:

Proposal 1 : AAA
Proposal 2 : AAB
Proposal 3 : BAB
Proposal 4 : BBC
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NEW: FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE (FROM JANUARY 2021)

Promotion of transdisciplinary collaboration and systemic innovation in areas relevant to a large part of the economy and/or society. Find solutions to current or future challenges that can only be solved through collaborative work.

More information: https://www.innosuisse.ch/flagship
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• The first call will be published in January 2021
• Legal basis: Innovation projects
• 2-stage evaluation process (deadline preproposal end of March 2021, deadline full-proposal August 2021)
• Consortium consists of at least 2 implementation partners and at least 3 research partners (of which at least one partner must be an UAS)
• The Innosuisse funding per flagship amounts to at least CHF 4 million
• Minimum duration of a flagship is 3 years
• Between 4-8 flagships per year are to be supported
• Two topics are planned for the first call → publication in December

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- START-UP TRAINING
- START-UP COACHING
- INTERNATIONALISATION CAMPS
- INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIRS

INNOVATION PROMOTION IN FOUR AREAS

START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

BE CONNECTED

GO GLOBAL

START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS
DEVELOP YOUR BUSINESS IDEA WITH START-UP TRAINING

MODULE 1
1/2 day
BUSINESS IDEAS
FEEL THE START-UP GROOVE

MODULE 2
1 semester
BUSINESS CONCEPT
GET THE START-UP TOOLBOX

MODULE 3
5 days
BUSINESS CREATION
KICKSTART YOUR BUSINESS

MODULE 4
5 days
BUSINESS GROWTH
GROW YOUR VENTURE

For students, doctoral students, academic staff and professors at Swiss academic institutions
For start-ups

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INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

BILATERAL COOPERATION

ENTERPRISE EUROPE NETWORK

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INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

SUPPORT FOR SMEs
for cross-border innovation projects

SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION PROJECTS IN THEMATIC PROGRAMMES
- AAL: solutions for the needs of elderly people
- ECSEL: in the electronics sector
- ERA-NET: various themes

SMEs and other industrial partners develop their products or services together with partner companies or research teams at international level
BILATERAL COOPERATION

Innosuisse has cooperation agreements:

- with EMBRAPPII, BRAZIL
- with KIAT, SOUTH KOREA
- with VINNOVA, SWEDEN
- with NRC-IRAP, CANADA

Calls for tenders for bilateral innovation projects from companies and research institutions

Finding partners in Canada and Switzerland for Eurostars projects
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BE CONNECTED

MENTORING FOR SME (<250 FTE)

NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER

NETWORKING EVENT SERIES

INNOVATION PROMOTION IN FOUR AREAS

START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

GO GLOBAL
DEVELOP YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT WITH INNOVATION MENTORS

20 MENTORS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND:

- Provide you easy access to technology and research
- Provide you support with the search for the right research partner
- Assess your innovation project and assist with the application
- Free offering for Swiss SMEs and other organisations with less than 250 FTEs
LAUNCH YOUR INNOVATION IDEA WITH NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER

JOINT TEAMS FOCUSING ON AN INNOVATION TOPIC

- From business, academia and society
- Test jointly developed ideas in an open innovation culture
- This new format starts in 2021

NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER

Ideate and test joint and concrete innovation ideas

Until the end of 2020, the ten current National Thematic Networks are continuing their work.
BRINGING PLAYERS TOGETHER
NETWORKING EVENT SERIES

SWISS NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION
submits an application as event organiser

KEY PLAYERS
from business, science and society participate in
order to create a community on a specific cross-
industry innovation topic

NETWORKING EVENT SERIES

- 50% Funded by Innosuisse
- 50% Contribution of event organiser

YOUR NETWORKING EVENTS
over 2 to 4 years

Annual call:
https://www.innosuisse.ch/eventseries
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THE INNOSUISSE GUIDE HELPS YOU FIND THE RIGHT SUPPORT OFFER IN JUST A FEW STEPS

Navigation for your innovation

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MOVING FORWARD WITH INNOSUISSE

THANK YOU

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START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

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GO GLOBAL
Building Bridges
Bridge the gap
« Bridge the gap between SNSF and Innosuisse funding »
BRIDGE governance

Overall responsibility
SNSF Presiding Board, Innosuisse Board of Directors

Program-specific functions
- Steering Committee
- Evaluation Panels

Advisory function
Stakeholder Group

Administrative support
BRIDGE Office (supported by SNSF & Innosuisse)

* SNSF Presiding Board of the National Research Council
** Innosuisse Board of Directors
Goal of the program

« Turn scientific results into economic or societal innovation »

BRIDGE...

- ... fosters the economic and social potential of scientific research
- ... supports projects in the critical precompetitive phase that have a clear vision of potential application
- ... facilitates cooperation between Universities, ETHs, research institutes, and Universities of Applied Sciences
Two lines of funding

Proof of Concept
- Supporting young researchers on their way to entrepreneurship or their efforts to implement and apply their research results with an economic or social partner
- Open to all types of innovation

Discovery
- Interaction between basic and applied research to realize the innovation potential of scientific results
- Importance of the societal and economic impact
- Open to all types of innovation starting from 2021
Proof of Concept
Proof of Concept

Details of the funding scheme

Eligibility criteria for the applicants

- Early stage of career (bachelor’s or master’s degree, doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers)
- Support by a Swiss research institution
- Applicants dedicate their full time to the project

Requirements for the project

- Based on the applicants’ own research results or on research results they have substantially contributed to
- The underlying science has been peer-reviewed or documented by publications or another record of achievement (e.g. bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral thesis, scientific publication, patent)
- Projects may cover any type of innovation or research field
Proof of Concept

Details of the funding scheme

- Up to 4 calls per year
- Projects are submitted by a single applicant

Eligible costs
- Budget of project: max. 130’000 CHF per year
  - 100% of applicant’s salary (calculated on the basis of current rates at the host institution)
  - Costs directly related to the realisation of the project
- max. 15% overhead paid to the host institution

Duration
- 12 months, with a possible continuation of up to 6 additional months
Proof of Concept
Details of the funding scheme

Evaluation criteria
- Expected economical or societal impact for the envisioned innovation, product or service
- Feasibility of project and the implementation scenario
- Appropriate level of innovation-based, entrepreneurial and managerial competences of the applicant

Evaluation procedure
- Evaluated by the Proof of Concept Evaluation Panel
- Two levels:
  - evaluation of submitted documents (project)
  - interview of the applicant
- Decision within 3 months
Discovery
Eligibility criteria for the applicants
- Experienced researchers at a Swiss research institution

Requirements for the project
- Integration of excellent science and high-impact innovation
- Research is at a stage where the risk is too large for implementation partners to co-fund
- Projects may cover any type of innovation or research field
- Up to 3 applicants of independent research groups with a clear vision of innovation
Discovery

Details of the funding scheme

- One call per year
- One project per applicant

Eligible costs

- Project budget:
  - Salaries of project personnel, excluding the salary of the applicants (special conditions may apply for UAS and CSEM researchers)
  - Project costs directly related to the project
- max. 15% overhead paid to the host institution

Duration

- Up to 4 years
Evaluation criteria
- High scientific quality going beyond state of the art and of the practice
- The project contains a credible vision of the potential impacts of the innovation as well as of its possible implementation
- Scientific and innovation-oriented, entrepreneurial as well as management competence of the applicant(s)
- Documented roadmap to cooperate with implementation partners

Evaluation procedure
- Evaluated by the Discovery Evaluation Panel and external experts
- Two levels:  
  - evaluation of submitted documents (project) 
  - interview of the applicant(s)
- Decision within 7 months
BRIDGE Current Status
Proof of Concept Current Status

114 projects funded so far

2017
• 226 submitted proposals
• 32 projects funded

2018
• 109 submitted proposals
• 29 projects funded

2019
• 132 submitted proposals
• 28 projects funded

2020
• 13th call: 37 submitted proposals, 7 projects funded
• 14th call: 26 submitted proposals, 6 projects funded
• 15th call: 41 submitted proposals, 12 projects funded
• 16th call: 42 submitted proposals, selection process ongoing
Proof of Concept Current Status

Submitted and accepted projects

- **2017**: 102
  - submitted: 64 (21%)
  - funded: 11 (11%)

- **2018**: 101
  - submitted: 28 (24%)
  - funded: 7 (6%)

- **2019**: 101
  - submitted: 34 (32%)
  - funded: 8 (8%)

- **2020**: 101
  - submitted: 32 (22%)
  - funded: 6 (6%)

Average success rate: 22.2%

- **Female projects**: 153 (25%)
  - submitted: 459 (75%)
  - funded: 27 (24%)
  - average: 23%

- **Male projects**: 87 (76%)
  - submitted: 31 (76%)
  - funded: 7 (76%)
  - average: 23%
Proof of Concept Current Status

Support of 64 companies out of 114 BRIDGE Proof of Concept projects (15 calls 2017-2020)
Discovery Current Status

30 projects funded so far

2017
- 190 submitted proposals
- 8 projects funded for 9.4 mioCHF
- Success rate: 4.2%
- Financing rate: 4.5%

2018
- 87 submitted proposals
- 12 projects funded for 16.1 mioCHF
- Success rate: 13.8%
- Financing rate: 14.6%

2019
- 79 submitted proposals
- 10 projects funded for 10.2 mioCHF
- Success rate: 12.7%
- Financing rate: 11.4%

2020
- 4th call: 79 submitted proposals
- Evaluation until end of 2020

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Discovery Current Status

Submitted and accepted projects

- **Number of proposals**
  - First call 2017: 294
  - Second call 2018: 190
  - Third call 2019: 87
  - Fourth call 2020: 106

- **Gender distribution**
  - Male (submitted): 119
  - Male (funded): 79
  - Female (submitted): 87
  - Female (funded): 20

Success rates:
- First call 2017: 4% (14 successes out of 350 submissions)
- Second call 2018: 14% (12 successes out of 87 submissions)
- Third call 2019: 13% (10 successes out of 79 submissions)

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BRIDGE Next Calls
Submission Deadlines

Proof of Concept
- Please note that new regulations will be published in January 2021
- 17th call: 8 March 2021
- 18th call: 7 June 2021
- 19th call: 6 September 2021
- Deadline always 17:00 Swiss local time

Discovery 5th call
- Please note that new regulations will be published in January 2021
- Letter of intent: 1 March 2021
- Full proposal: 17 May 2021
- Deadline always 17:00 Swiss local time
BRIDGE Steering Committee 2020

Innosuisse
Nicoletta Casanova (FEMTOprint | Engineering) chair
Dave Brown (Angel Investor and Mentor | ICT)

SNSF
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Chris Boesch (UniBE | Life Sciences)

external
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Götz Schlotterbeck (FHNW | Chemistry)
Penny Schiffer (Raized.AI | Entrepreneurship)
# Proof of Concept Evaluation Panel (15 members)

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| Lisa Falco                   | PIPRA                            |                                  |
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Ambizione – PRIMA - Eccellenza

Sarah Glaser
Content

1. Overview of Ambizione, PRIMA & Eccellenza
2. How to prepare an application
Careers

*PhD or 3 years of research experience
Ambizione

Your first step towards scientific independence!
Ambizione

Aim
Lead an independent research project at a Swiss research institution

Personal requirements

Researchers
• Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
• Research activities of at least 12 months after doctorate
• Submission up to 4 years after doctorate

Researchers who do clinical work
• Medical degree
• Research activities of at least 12 months and clinical activities of at least three years after medical degree
• Submission up to 9 years after medical degree
Ambizione

**Duration**
- 4 years

**Eligible costs**
- Ambizione grant: applicant's salary, project funds (CHF 400,000 max.)
- Ambizione project grant: Project funds (CHF 400,000 max.)

**Submission deadlines**
1 November
PRIMA (Promoting Women in Academia)
The stepping stone to your professorship!
PRIMA

Aim
Lead an independent research project and a team at a Swiss research institution in order to become competitive for a professorship

Personal requirements

Researchers

• Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
• At least 2 years of research experience after doctorate
• Submission up to 10 years after doctorate

Researchers who do clinical work

• Medical degree
• At least 3 years of clinical activity and at least 2 years of research activities after the medical degree
• Submission up to 14 years after the medical degree
PRIMA

Duration

- 5 years

Eligible costs

- Grantee's salary and project funds (CHF 750,000 max.)

Submission deadlines

1 November
Eccellenza

Launch your own research project as an assistant professor with your team!
Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships

**Aim:** Conduct an independent research project as an assistant professor with your own team at a Swiss higher education institution.

**Personal requirements**

**Swiss link:** Swiss higher education degree, Swiss national or at least two years spent working as a researcher in Switzerland

**Researchers:**
- Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
- At least 3 years of research experience after doctorate
- Submission up to 8 years after the doctorate

**Researchers who do clinical work:**
- Medical degree
- At least 3 years of clinical work and at least 2 years of research experience after medical degree
- Submission up to 12 years after obtaining the medical degree
Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships

Duration
• 5 years

Eligible costs
• Project funds of up to CHF 1,000,000
• Grantee’s salary (at assistant professor level)

Submission deadlines
1 February
Career Funding Schemes

How to prepare an application
General remarks

• Check your eligibility (regulations are online)
• Start planning your application and submission early (deadlines are strict and non-negotiable)
• Register on mySNF and contact the potential research institution as early as possible
• Read the guidelines before writing the proposal
• Question “rumours/myths” you hear from third parties
• If you have any questions, contact the SNSF
Guidelines/Remarks

• Every scheme has specific guidelines/instructions
• Prescribed number of pages, number of characters, font size and line spacing: the length and format of the research plan must be respected
• Research plan should be understandable for experts (within area of research) as well as for people in the wider discipline
• In general: Get to the point!
Scientific evaluation criteria: Applicant

**Career development**
- Education
- Acquired expertise
- Scientific independence

**Research output**
- Quality
- Research output at various career stages
- Productivity (qualitative output in relation to net academic age)
- Impact in the research field
- Expertise required for the submitted research project

**Statement of mobility and career plan**
- Past and future/planned mobility
- Missing physical mobility can be compensated
- Different types of mobility: institutional and international mobility, networking, sectoral, interdisciplinary, knowledge transfer
Project

Scientific relevance, originality and topicality

Approach and methodology

Feasibility
• Taking into account the applicant’s expertise
Research institution

Assessment of added value of chosen research institution

- Scientific support and suitability with regard to implementing the project
- Opportunities for continuous intellectual development and training
- Fostering the applicant’s independence
Research institution

Written confirmation from the research institution

• Templates available on the website of the corresponding funding scheme

• Written confirmation from the research institution consists of two separate letters:

  • **Detailed confirmation** signed by the contact person and the head of the institute/department (integration, support, independence, assessment of planned project, etc.)

  • **General confirmation** by the vice rectorate for research (or equivalent)
# Steps in the evaluation procedure

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If you are not successful ...

... please first:

• Read the decision letter carefully

• External reviews may contain more information (sent out only if invited to the interview)

• Cross-check with the decision

• If you have questions, ask the SNSF Administrative Offices to clarify

• Possibility of asking for reconsideration or of appealing against the decision

Can you improve your application?

• If rejected, you can at the most apply a second time for the same funding scheme, provided you still meet all the formal requirements

• List and explain the changes made to the former version of the project
Further information

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