

SNSF international co-operation strategy

Vision

The international co-operation activities of the SNSF are guided by the following vision:

Global approach. They connect researchers globally.

Multilateral knowledge transfer. They enable and promote brain circulation and the resulting exchange of ideas.

Academic freedom. They support the principle of research freedom.

Objective of international co-operation by the SNSF

The strategic objective of the SNSF's international co-operation work is to facilitate and optimise global scientific collaboration and exchange. Its activities aim to foster cross-border cooperation to the benefit of Swiss science. Through its international activities, the SNSF contributes to the increase of research capacity in Switzerland and abroad.

Basic principles

International co-operation by the SNSF is predicated on the following principles:

- It makes scientific excellence the main criterion for allocating funds.
- It encourages free choice of research topics, including interdisciplinary collaborations, and defends scientific autonomy, in the spirit of trust in scientists.
- It defends a high level of ethical standards and works solely with institutions that operate a peer review system.
- It promotes simple procedures and multilateral approaches in preference to creating additional funding schemes, aiming at including international collaboration and mobility into regular research funding whenever possible.
- It promotes free access to data resulting from international projects.