

Lead Agency process with France

Introduction

Under the Lead Agency process, a joint application by researchers in Switzerland and France can be submitted to one of the two national research funding organisations. The submission process is governed by the provisions in force at the relevant organisation.

Lead Agency proposals must have a joint research question and a joint research plan. According to the Lead Agency Agreement, the project parts carried out in the individual countries must be interdependent and complementary. The costs are calculated on the basis of the relevant national guidelines.

The Lead Agency process forms part of the SNSF's project funding scheme and is not a funding scheme in its own right. It does not have its own budget and is subject to the same provisions that govern project funding. Hence applicants may only submit a Lead Agency application if there are no thematic overlaps with applications being evaluated at the SNSF or with ongoing projects.

1. General conditions

1.1 Funding schemes

The following SNSF funding schemes are open to the Lead Agency process:

- Project Funding

The following ANR funding schemes are open to the Lead Agency process:

- Support for single projects

1.2 General conditions

If you prefer to submit your Lead Agency proposal in a language other than English (only possible in certain disciplines of the humanities and social sciences), you will need to discuss this with all involved agencies in advance.

In both countries the maximum project duration is four years.

Please note that lead agency applications take longer to evaluate than regular projects as the process needs to be coordinated with the partner organisation(s).

1.3 Success rate

Please note that the success rates of the ANR are around 13% and therefore considerably lower than those of the SNSF.

2. Submission

2.1 Submission 2018

The SNSF and the ANR have agreed to take turns as the Lead Agency on a yearly basis. In 2018, Lead Agency applications with France had to be submitted to the SNSF. The submission is closed for this year. The next deadline will probably be in April 2019.

2.2 SNSF as Lead Agency

The application is submitted as a whole; the research plan must include a description of the overall project and the specific roles of the sub-projects conducted in different countries.

Separate budget plans must be submitted for the individual sub-projects. Please enter the budget for the Swiss part in mySNF. The French budget has to be entered in the [budget form](#).

The French partners also submit the application to the [ANR](#).

2.2.1 Submission via mySNF

The Lead Agency process is part of the SNSF's project funding scheme and is not a funding scheme in its own right. **When creating a new application in mySNF, select Project Funding Division I-III.** Enter the French project partners as further applicants. Enter the budget of the Swiss sub-project in the data container "Requested funding". For the French budget, fill in the [budget form](#) and upload it in the data container "Lead Agency and other agreements". The CV and research output list of the French partners have to be submitted based on the SNSF guidelines. The [DMP](#) is an integral part of the grant proposal and its content is directly entered in the mySNF submission form. The DMP applies to all research data that will be produced or reused during the course of the project.

2.2.2 Evaluation

The overall project is evaluated by the evaluation body of the relevant SNSF division. The regular evaluation procedure also applies to Lead Agency applications.

2.3 ANR as Lead Agency

If ANR is the Lead Agency, the entire project will be submitted to ANR.

The Swiss part of the application is governed by the SNSF conditions (formal requirements for Swiss applicants, budget of Swiss sub-project and thematic overlap with other SNSF projects).

2.3.1 Submission via mySNF

For administrative reasons, you also need to submit the application to the SNF via the *mySNF* platform.

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As the ANR does not request a data management plan (DMP), the content of the DMP must be entered in the mySNF submission form. In particular, this is also the case when the ANR acts as lead agency. The DMP applies to all research data that will be produced or reused during the course of the project.

3. Participation requirements

The same conditions are applied as for the [project funding](#).

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5. Documents and links

Lead Agency process with France
[ANR website](#)
[Generic Call for Proposals 2018](#)
Budget form ANR-DFG-FNR-F.R.S FNRS-FWF-FWO

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