Third call for Eccellenza: 45 awards in 2020

**SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships** are aimed at highly qualified researchers who aspire to a permanent professorship. Eccellenza covers the grantee’s salary at the local rates applicable to assistant professorships and project funds of up to 1,000,000 Swiss francs for a five-year period.

**SNSF Eccellenza Grants** are aimed at highly qualified researchers who have recently been appointed as tenure-track assistant professors at a Swiss higher education institution. Eccellenza covers project funds up to 1,500,000 Swiss francs for a five-year period.

244 applicants submitted a proposal in February 2020 (HSS: 64; STEM: 88; LS: 92).
  - 209 applications for SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship,
  - 35 applications for SNSF Eccellenza Grant.

89 applicants were invited for an interview (phase 2 of the evaluation).
  - 71 applicants for SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship
  - 18 applicants for SNSF Eccellenza Grant

84 applicants came for an interview at the SNSF (5 withdrawals).

45 applicants are funded
  - 35 applicants for SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship,
  - 10 applicants for SNSF Eccellenza Grant.

The overall success rate is 18.4% (women: 24.1%; men: 15.3%).
The share of women is 36% of all the applicants and 47% of the funded applicants. Grantees will be working in 10 different Swiss higher education institutions.

**Statistics**

**Awards according to research domain, gender and type of application**

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