Funding Regulations
Regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation on research grants

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The Executive Committee of the Foundation Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation based on Article 7 paragraph 2 of the Federal Research and Innovation Promotion Act of 7 October 1983¹ and Article 16 paragraph 2, letter j of the statutes of the Swiss National Science Foundation of 30 March 2007 and in response to a request made by the National Research Council on 12 December 2007
issues the following Regulations:

Chapter 1  Types of funding

Article 1  Basic principles

¹ The Swiss National Science Foundation (hereinafter "the SNSF") awards funding grants for scientific research.

² The SNSF is under no obligation to award a grant to any person or entity.

Article 2  Funding schemes

The following distinct funding schemes are in place:

a. Projects;
b. Careers;
c. Programmes;

¹ SR 420.1; title changed based on Federal Act of 25 September 2009, in force since 1 January 2011 (AS 2010 651)
d. Infrastructures;  
e. Science communication.

**Article 3  Project funding**

1 Project funding comprises grants for research projects.  
2 Grants are awarded based on the scientific appraisal of the submitted proposals.  
3 The grants are paid for a maximum of three years.  
4 Grants may be extended by a maximum of three years up to a total of six years.  
5 Extensions may be approved  
a. if a follow-up proposal is submitted. The follow-up proposal must be thematically linked to the ongoing project, and the same individuals must be responsible for the continuation of the project; or  
b. at the invitation of the SNSF in cases of outstanding scientific achievement.  
6 The National Research Council (hereinafter "Research Council") may decide on a simplified evaluation procedure for follow-up applications and, in particular, forego an external review (Article 18). The details are set out in the Implementation Regulations issued by the Research Council.²

**Article 4  Career funding**

Career funding comprises grants awarded to promote the scientific careers of individual scientists. This includes funding schemes to promote junior researchers.

**Article 5  Funding in the context of programmes**

The requirements for funding in the context of programmes are of a thematic, conceptual and organisational nature. Programmes include, in particular, the National Research Programmes, the National Centres of Competence in Research and international co-operation programmes.

**Article 6  Funding of infrastructures**

Research facilities are funded via infrastructure grants.

**Article 6a  Funding of science communication**

1 Communication between researchers and between science and society is funded via grants for science communication. This includes, in particular, grants for public science communication projects, scientific conferences and scientific publications.  
2 Grants for public science communication projects serve the purpose of:  
a. promoting knowledge on the current state of scientific research; and  
b. fostering dialogue between scientists and society.

² Version pursuant to the decision by the Executive Committee of the Foundation Council of 2 March 2012, approved by the Federal Council on 27 June 2012, in force since 1 July 2012.
3 Grants for scientific conferences are aimed at funding events that contribute to the development of scientific research in Switzerland and particularly to international scientific exchanges or to the education of young scientists.

4 Grants for scientific publications are aimed at funding:
   a. the publication of texts of scientific value;
   b. publications whose purpose is to valorise the research results achieved with the support of the SNSF, particularly within the scope of National Research Programmes and National Centres of Competence in Research.

**Article 7  International co-operations**

1 The SNSF provides funding for international co-operations within the scope of the individual funding categories.

2 Funding of international co-operations serves to
   a. promote the international networking of Swiss science; or to
   b. support scientific research in developing countries.

3 Funding is provided for international activities carried out by
   a. multilateral organisations; or
   b. more specifically, by the SNSF itself or within the scope of programmes developed by the SNSF in collaboration with partner organisations.

4 These Regulations only apply in the event that funds for the promotion of international co-operations are distributed through a regular assessment procedure in accordance with the principles of the Federal Act on Administrative Procedure.

**Chapter 2  Personal and formal requirements for the submission of proposals**

**Article 8  Personal requirements**

1 Proposals may be submitted by natural persons engaged in scientific research in Switzerland for non-commercial purposes.

2 The research is deemed to be carried out in Switzerland if for the duration of the research
   a. the applicants, if not self-employed, are employed by an institution domiciled in Switzerland;
   b. the applicants, if self-employed, reside in Switzerland.

3 The Research Council may stipulate in the relevant regulations or terms of the call for specific funding schemes additional requirements or requirements that deviate from the provisions stipulated in paragraph 1 and 2. In particular, it may
   a. limit eligibility to specific target groups;
   b. make eligibility conditional on additional support from third parties; or
   c. decide that persons engaged in scientific research abroad are eligible.
The SNSF may accept legal persons as applicants should it be necessary to provide an institutional basis for the planned research activity due to its long duration, scope or complexity.

**Article 9  Formal requirements**

1. The funding proposals must comply with the formal requirements issued by the Research Council for the individual funding schemes. They must, in particular, be
   a. submitted using the official application forms provided for this purpose;
   b. in some cases submitted partially or entirely in electronic form along with the required attachments and in the prescribed file format;
   c. written in the prescribed languages. The Research Council may decide that research plans and other documents are to be submitted in English;
   d. complete and contain all data and enclosures designated as mandatory;
   e. submitted before expiry of the deadline or designated submission date.

2. A funding proposal is regarded as submitted in due time if received by the SNSF or verifiably posted via the Swiss Post on the last day of the deadline or on the submission date. If the last day of the deadline or the submission date is a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday recognised under Swiss federal law, the deadline will be extended, or the submission date postponed until the next working day. For electronically submitted proposals, the SNSF’s system administrators define the rules regarding deadlines.

3. Upon request, the SNSF may, as an exception, treat a proposal submitted after a specific submission date as if it had been submitted on time.

4. Further formal requirements for the submission of applications apply based on other provisions of these Regulations, the Regulations of the individual funding schemes and the terms of the calls for proposals.

**Chapter 3  Applicants and application procedure**

**Section 1  General terms**

**Article 10  Procedural law and competency**

1. The provisions of this chapter are applicable to the application procedure. The provisions of the Federal Act of 20 December 1968 on Administrative Procedure (APA), and in particular Articles 10 and 26-38, apply to any issues not regulated in this chapter.

2. The Research Council is responsible for assessing the proposals. For clearly defined areas, it may delegate this responsibility to other bodies or to a specialist committee that it has appointed.

**Article 11  Non-consideration of proposals**

1. The SNSF does not consider funding proposals that fail to meet the requirements set out in Articles 8 and 9.

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3 Inserted based on the decision by the Executive Committee of the Foundation Council of 2 March 2012, in force since 1 July 2012.

4 SR 172.021
2 If the irregularity in the proposal can be easily rectified, the SNSF sets a deadline for the applicant to rectify the irregularity. If the deadline is not met or if the irregularity is not fully rectified, the SNSF will refuse to consider the proposal.

3 Proposals that contravene the rules of scientific integrity will not be considered by the SNSF.

**Article 12** Applicants’ duty to co-operate

1 Applicants are obliged to co-operate at all times during the application procedure. They must at all times
   a. respond to queries and provide information;
   b. co-operate in factual clarifications;
   c. inform the SNSF without delay of any circumstances that are of significance for the assessment of the proposal, but were unknown or non-existent when the proposal was submitted.

2 Otherwise, applicants are not heard during the application procedure.

3 In the event of any violation of the duty to co-operate, the SNSF is entitled to stop processing and dismiss the proposal.

**Section 2** Project funding

**Article 13** Applicants

1 Applicants must show that they have successfully carried out research work for several years and must be capable of running a project under their sole responsibility and leading the project team engaged for the project.

2 They must certify that
   a. they will themselves make a substantial contribution to the research project;
   b. the necessary research infrastructure is at their disposal; and
   c. that they are not bound by research instructions from superiors, namely with regard to the research methods.

**Article 14** Individuals and research groups

1 Project funding proposals may be submitted by individuals or by two or more researchers as a group.

2 A research group may submit a proposal should the objective of the planned research project justify such a measure.

3 Each member of the research group is personally responsible for the project.

4 Each member of the research group must meet the requirements set out in Article 8 paragraphs 1 and 2 and Article 13.

5 The research group designates a responsible applicant who represents all members of the research group before the SNSF. Such representation is legally binding. The SNSF addresses all its communications to the responsible applicant, who is obliged to inform the other members of the research group appropriately.
6 The research group defines the legal relationships between its members with respect to the planned project. In so doing, it regulates authorship rights and the members' right to be consulted in relation to scientific contributions and ensures mutual access to the research results gained in the course of the research project.

7 If the research group does not succeed in defining the legal relationships, the SNSF is entitled to revoke or modify the approved grant pursuant to Article 35 regardless of any responsibilities.

Article 15  Number of proposals

1 Applicants are entitled to submit two or more proposals for the same funding period.

2 The SNSF may approve research projects with overlapping funding periods if
   a. the research projects are thematically clearly demarcated; and
   b. the applicants are in a position to make substantial contributions to each of the projects.

3 When defining the funding amounts, the SNSF may take into account that an applicant has two or more approved research projects with overlapping funding periods.

Article 16  Submission dates

1 The general submission dates set by the Research Council are applicable to the submission of proposals.

2 The Research Council is entitled to specify other submission dates or deadlines for specific funding schemes in the regulations and in the terms of the calls for proposals.

Article 17  Scientific assessment criteria

1 The scientific quality of the research proposals constitutes the main criterion for the awarding of grants.

2 The key scientific assessment criteria are as follows:
   a. Scientific value and relevance of the project;
   b. Originality of research objectives;
   c. Adequacy of methodical approach;
   d. Feasibility of the project;
   e. Scientific track record of the applicants;
   f. Applicants' expertise in relation to the project.

3 The Research Council may stipulate further criteria in the regulations and terms of the calls for proposals.
**Article 18  External reviews**

1. The SNSF asks external experts to provide a written scientific review of the proposal. At least two external reviews must generally be obtained for each application.5

2. The SNSF considers these reviews at its due discretion.6

3. The Research Council may appoint panels to assess the proposals and issue special rules in this context.

4. In phased application procedures, the SNSF may limit external reviews to a single phase in the procedure.

5. Proposals that are manifestly inadequate are not forwarded to external experts for review. Such proposals are rejected by the SNSF.

6. External reviews need not be obtained for extensions.

7. The applicants are entitled to submit together with their funding proposal
   a. lists with the names and addresses of potential experts (positive lists);
   b. lists with the names and addresses of persons who are not to be asked for an external review (negative lists).

8. Positive lists are not binding on the SNSF. Negative lists are considered if the applicants provide a valid reason for the requested exclusion and if a sufficient number of other experts are available.

**Article 19  Eligible costs**

1. The following costs may be claimed for research projects:
   a. the salaries of scientific and technical project personnel;
   b. material costs that are directly related to the realisation of the project, namely material of enduring value, expendable items, field expenses, travel costs or third-party charges;
   c. Costs for the project-related use of infrastructures at institutions or laboratories that are expressly provided for under the terms of the call;
   d. further costs provided for by the regulations and the terms of the call.

2. The Research Council may define binding minimum rates for individual cost categories, namely salaries of doctoral students and other scientific personnel.

**Section 3  Career funding**

**Article 20  Applicants**

1. Proposals for career funding may be submitted by individuals who
   a. use at least a portion of the requested grant as a means of subsistence or apply for a grant whose purpose is the promotion of junior researchers; and

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b. meet the other requirements stipulated in the regulations and the terms of the call issued by the Research Council.

2 In the area of career funding, in particular, the SNSF strives to ensure a balance between men and women scientists. If necessary, the SNSF initiates special measures in favour of the under-represented sex.

**Article 21 Sundry provisions**

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to career funding.

**Section 4 Funding in the context of programmes**

**Article 22 Applicants**

The requirements for the awarding of grants and the details of the evaluation procedure are regulated by the Research Council in special regulations or terms of calls for proposals.

**Article 23 Sundry provisions**

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of programmes.

**Section 5 Funding of infrastructures**

**Article 24 Applicants**

The requirements for the awarding of grants and the details of the evaluation procedure are regulated by the Research Council in special regulations or terms of calls for proposals.

**Article 24a Sundry provisions**

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of infrastructures.

**Section 6 Funding of science communication**

**a. Public science communication projects**

**Article 25 Applicants**

The requirements for the awarding of grants and the details of the evaluation procedure are regulated by the Research Council in special regulations or terms of calls for proposals.

**Article 25a Sundry provisions**

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of public science communication projects.
b. **Scientific conferences**

**Article 26  Applicants**

1. Funding proposals for scientific conferences may be submitted by the organisers of such conferences.

2. The applicants must provide an assurance that the conference will run smoothly from beginning to end and that high scientific standards will be maintained throughout.

**Article 26a  Submission dates**

1. Proposals may be submitted at any time unless the regulations or terms of the call issued by the Research Council expressly provide otherwise.

2. They must be submitted to the SNSF at least six months ahead of the date on which the conference is to be held.

**Article 26b  Assessment criteria**

1. The main scientific assessment criteria are
   
a. the high scientific standards observed at the conference;

b. the event’s relevance for Swiss research.

2. As further criteria the SNSF may consider
   
a. the scope and sources of third-party funding;

b. the involvement of junior researchers.

**Article 26c  Categories of financial support and eligible costs**

1. The SNSF may award a fixed grant or deficit guarantees.

2. The financial support covers the travel, room and board expenses of speakers from abroad subject to any deviating provisions in the funding decision.

3. Fixed grants may be paid prior to the approved event either partially or in full.

**Article 26d  Sundry provisions**

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of scientific conferences.

c. **Scientific publications**

**Article 27  Applicants**

1. A funding proposal for a scientific publication may be submitted by the author of the scientific text.

2. In exceptional cases, and in particular if two or more authors are involved, the proposal may be submitted by the editor.
Article 27a  Submission dates

1 Proposals concerning the funding of publications may be submitted at any time.
2 The proposals must be submitted to the SNSF before the relevant text is published.
3 Publication may not be initiated before the assessment procedure has been completed.

Article 27b  Assessment procedure

1 Within the scope of a scientific assessment of the text intended for publication, the SNSF asks for reviews by external experts, which it receives in written form. In exceptional cases, and in particular for smaller grants, the SNSF may choose not to ask any external reviewers for a review.7
2 Details of the assessment procedure and the funding terms are set out in the implementation rules issued by the Research Council.

Article 27c  Sundry provisions

In all other respects, the provisions on project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of scientific publications.

Section 7  International co-operations

Article 28  Applicants

Funding proposals for international co-operations may be submitted by natural or legal persons.

Article 29  Sundry provisions

1 The assessment procedure as well as prerequisites for receiving grants are detailed in the special regulations and Implementation Regulations issued by the Research Council.
2 The SNSF may choose to regulate arrangements involving parties from abroad by means of contracts.
3 In all other respects, the provisions stipulated with regard to project funding apply mutatis mutandis to the funding of international co-operations.

Chapter 4  Decisions and right of appeal

Article 30  Decisions

1 The SNSF informs applicants of the outcome of the assessment procedure via a ruling in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Federal Act on Administrative Procedure (APA) of 20 December 19688. This also applies to refusals to assess proposals, decisions on requests to reconsider assessments or decisions on the amendment of rights and obligations following the approval of grants.

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8 SR 172.021
2 The SNSF may at its own discretion or upon request reconsider decisions up to the consultation period for an appeal in accordance with Article 58 APA and issue a new ruling.

3 In special cases and in the area of international co-operations, in particular, the SNSF may sign a contract with the grantees.

4 Prior to any decision to reject a proposal, the SNSF may offer the applicant the opportunity to withdraw its proposal while at the same time mentioning the grounds on which it is to be rejected.

Article 31  Right of appeal
Applicants may appeal to the Swiss Federal Administrative Court against rulings issued by the SNSF in accordance with the Federal Research and Innovation Promotion Act⁹.

Chapter 5  Rights and obligations of the grantees

Article 32  Legal effects of approval
1 When a funding proposal is fully or partially approved, the applicants become grantees of the SNSF or responsible grantees in the case of research groups.

2 The grantees are obliged to use the approved grant in accordance with the terms stipulated in the ruling and to comply with the provisions of these Regulations as well as any other rules applicable to the grant.

3 The grantees must carry out research work with due care, in accordance with the rules of sound scientific practice and in compliance with the principles applicable to the relevant discipline, and in particular the ethical guidelines.

Article 33  Information on funded research work
1 Information on research work funded by the SNSF (personal and project data) may be entered in publicly accessible databases by the SNSF or by a third party on behalf of the SNSF.

2 For this purpose, grantees are obliged to provide summaries of their projects and research results, if required.

Article 34  Release of funds
1 The approved grants are released at the grantees' request.

2 The release request must be submitted within a year of the date of the ruling. In well-founded cases, the SNSF may extend the deadline for submitting the release request by at the most one year.

3 The release is approved only if the terms of the release as defined in the ruling are met.

4 Payment of the released funds is effected in accordance with the provisions stipulated by the Research Council. Research grants payable over several years are paid in instalments.

5 The Research Council may stipulate deviating provisions for individual funding schemes.

⁹ SR 420.1; title changed based on Federal Act of 25 September 2009, in force since 1 January 2011 (AS 2010 651)
Article 35   Expiry of the grant and revocation of approval

1 If the release request is not submitted in time or if the relevant deadline is not extended, the grant expires. The SNSF issues a relevant confirmation on request.

2 If the prerequisites for approval are no longer met after approval has been given or if the circumstances on which approval is based change considerably, the SNSF may

a. revoke approval and refuse to release the as yet unreleased funds or amend the terms of approval to take account of the altered circumstances and release the relevant amount of the grant;

b. revoke approval or adjust it to the altered circumstances after release of the grant.

3 Prior to taking such measures, the SNSF listens to the parties concerned and communicates the adjustment or revocation in the form of a ruling.

4 In the event of unforeseeable changes that jeopardise the completion of the funded research work for financial reasons, Article 39 on supplementary grants applies.

Article 36   Grant administration office

1 The grantees are obliged to have the paid grants administered by an office recognised by the SNSF.

2 Grants not used to pay staff salaries or awarded in the framework of career funding or funding of visiting research fellowships in foreign countries are excluded from this obligation.

3 The SNSF may approve further exceptions. It may make exceptions conditional on the grant being segregated from the private or business assets of the grantees and administered in a separate account.

Article 37   Employment of staff

1 Grantees are obliged to agree the terms of employment in written form with scientific and technical staff whose salaries are partially or entirely financed by a grant from the SNSF. The Research Council may stipulate binding minimum requirements in this respect.

2 The employment contracts are signed by the grantees’ employer. Self-employed grantees are considered as employers and are directly responsible for compliance with all obligations pertaining to the labour law, and in particular for the correct settlement of social security contributions.

3 The grantees shall give scientific staff employed in the research project a say that is commensurate to their scientific contribution. Such staff shall have the right to be cited as co-authors, provided that they have made an independent contribution to the published research work.

Article 38   Obligation to provide and take note of information

1 Grantees are obliged to inform the SNSF without delay in writing of any circumstances that could change or influence the prerequisites for the grant. This includes, in particular, personnel changes, changes to the research plan or changes to the available research infrastructure.

2 Grantees must regularly take note of legally binding information issued by the SNSF regardless of its form.

3 The SNSF may send information to grantees in electronic form.
Article 39 Supplementary grants
The SNSF may approve supplementary grants to grantees subject to a written request providing valid reasons if:

a. it can be shown that the grant awarded is not sufficient to complete the research work;

b. the reasons why financing is insufficient were not foreseeable; and

c. the project can be completed with the aid of a supplementary grant without any need for submission or assessment of a new funding proposal.

Article 40 Reporting and monitoring

1 Grantees are obliged to send the SNSF periodic reports in accordance with the requirements defined by the Research Council.

2 Reports shall contain, in particular, a detailed account of how the grant is used, of the materials of enduring value and of the research results and their implementation.

3 Grantees are obliged to provide the SNSF with reports containing the required information as well as provide access to documents and research locations for monitoring purposes.

Article 41 Settlement of accounts

1 Grantees are obliged to settle any debit balance occurring on completion of the funded research work. Any credit balance, however, is to be refunded to the SNSF.

2 The details of account settlement are set out in the Implementation Regulations issued by the Research Council.

Article 42 Rights to material of enduring value

1 Subject to paragraph 3, material financed through grants from the SNSF is owned by the grantees or their employer.

2 The grantees are obliged to define rights to the material together with their employer pursuant to paragraph 1 at the latest by the time the research work is completed.

3 The SNSF may demand repayment of an amount commensurate to its share of funding, taking into account the current value of the material, if the material fully or partially financed by the SNSF

a. can no longer be used for scientific research purposes at its place of destination; or

b. is sold to third parties.

4 The details are set out in the Implementation Regulations issued by the Research Council, in particular the duty to inform the SNSF about any material of enduring value that is reused after completion of the research work.

Article 43 Rights to research results

1 Rights to the research results gained in the course of research work funded by the SNSF are owned by the grantees or their employer.
2 Grantees are obliged to define such rights together with their employer at the latest by the time the funded research work is completed.

3 During the funded research work and after its completion, the SNSF must be informed without delay in writing about any commercial use or acquisition of patents or similar property rights arising from the funded research work. The details are set out in the implementation rules issued by the Research Council.

4 The SNSF waives any reimbursement of grants or shares in the profits.

Article 44 Communication concerning research projects and publication of research results

1 Grantees are obliged to make available to the public during and after completion of the research project appropriate information on the research projects funded by the SNSF and on the research results, whereby the support obtained from the SNSF is to be mentioned. In particular

a. the requirements of the SNSF with regard to the public accessibility of scientific publications, and in particular rules for Open Access, are to be met;

b. the data collected with the aid of an SNSF grant must be made available also to other researchers for secondary research and integrated in recognised scientific data pools;

c. on request, the SNSF must be provided with specimen copies of publications deriving from the research work funded by the SNSF;

d. all other SNSF regulations with regard to the publication and communication of the research work and research results funded by the SNSF must be complied with.

2 The obligations with regard to publication and communication are set out in detail in the Implementation Regulations issued by the Research Council.

3 The SNSF may release grantees from these obligations should publication not be advisable for confidentiality reasons, particularly in relation to the acquisition of patents or due to a contractual commitment to observe confidentiality. Such commitments must be submitted to the SNSF for approval in advance.

Article 45 Misuse, breaches and sanctions

1 The SNSF penalises any misuse of grants, or breaches of these regulations or other provisions applicable to the submission of proposals or to the grant with the following measures, which may be taken individually or cumulatively:

a. letter of reprimand;

b. letter of warning;

c. reduction, suspension or reimbursement of grants;

d. non-consideration of any further proposals for a limited period.

2 The procedures involved in these measures are set out in the implementation regulations issued by the Research Council.
3 The competence of the State Secretariat for Education and Research will take precedence with regard to criminal sanctions pursuant to Article 37 or 38 of the Subsidies Act of 5 October 1990.10

Chapter 6 Transitional and final provisions

Article 46 Implementation Regulations

1 In accordance with these Regulations, the Research Council issues the necessary Implementation Regulations, in particular for specific funding schemes, as well as the other provisions mentioned in these Regulations.

2 The Research Council may delegate the power to issue guidelines and further provisions concerning its Implementation Regulations to the Administrative Offices or to the relevant bodies appointed by it.

Article 47 Repeal of existing regulations

The Grant Regulation of 23 March 2001 is repealed.

Article 48 Transitional provisions

1 These Regulations are applicable to the proposals being assessed at the time of their entry into force, unless this results in a disadvantage for applicants.

2 They are applicable to the funding arrangements initiated prior to their entry into force. If rights assigned to grantees on approval of funding are not in accordance with the new Regulations, such rights will nonetheless remain in force.

Article 49 Approval and entry into force

Subject to approval by the Federal Council, these Regulations will enter into force on 1 March 2008.

Article 50 Amendment of terminology and classification

Based on the decision of the Executive Committee of the Foundation Council of 2 March 2012, the new terminology and the new classification of funding categories have been used throughout these Regulations.11

10 SR 616.1
11 Approved by the Federal Council on 27 June 2012, in force since 1 July 2012. The Articles 1, 2, 4 - 7, 9, 15, 16, 20-25a, 26-27c (numbers of articles), 34, 36 and 46 and the titles of sections 3 - 7 in chapter 3 have been amended accordingly.