

Ambizione 2009: Results of the Second Call

Summary

With Ambizione the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) promotes junior researchers in all disciplines. The programme is designed to give junior researchers who wish to conduct, manage, and lead their own planned project at a Swiss university independent access to SNSF research funding.

In February 2009, 146 applications were submitted for the second Ambizione call. After the examination of the submitted documents, 139 applications were processed in the first phase of the evaluation by the National Research Council's evaluation commissions (Field of support I, humanities and social sciences, 39 applications; field of support II, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences, 50 applications; field of support III, biology and medicine, 50 applications). For the second phase of the programme, 71 candidatures were considered. These candidates were invited to an interview to present their project.

In September 2009, the SNSF awarded 53 Ambizione subsidies. 18 grants were awarded in field of support I, 16 in field of support II, and 10 in field of support III. 13 Swiss host institutions will be involved when the grant awardees begin their work.

18 of the subsidies (34.0 %) were for female applicants, falling short of the targeted quota of 35 %. The SNSF will continue its efforts to increase the percentage of women.

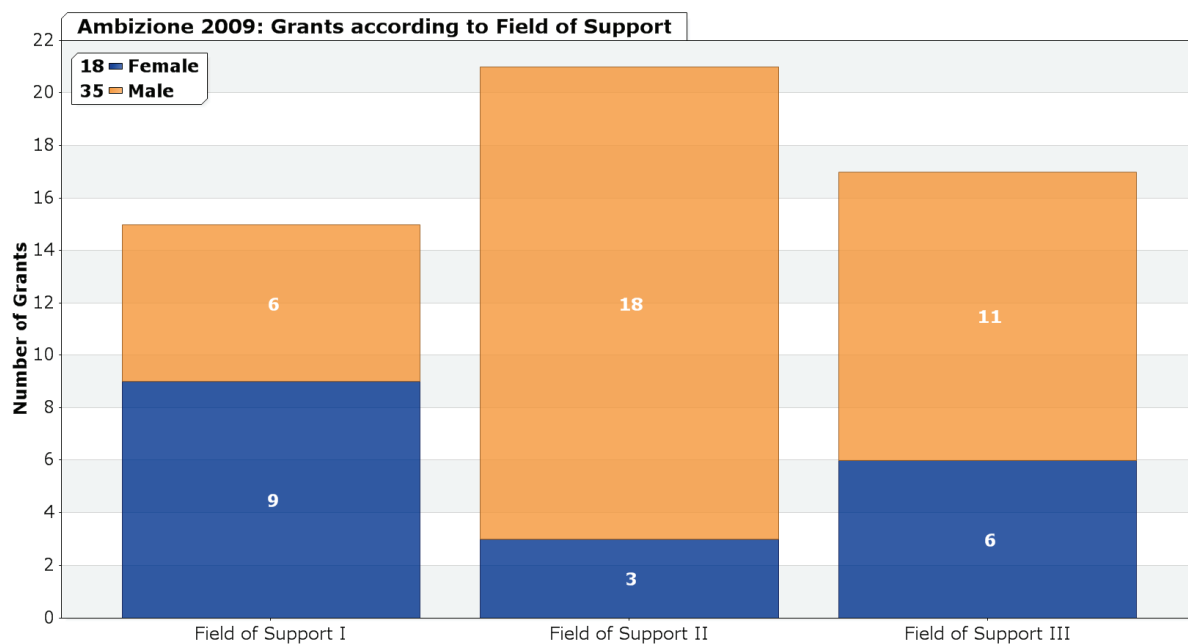
Changes in the Regulation

In the course of the evaluation, the National Research Council discussed various aspects of the regulation on granting Ambizione subsidies. Based on experience, needed adjustments in the general conditions were made for the next application period. Specifically, candidates with sufficient experience may apply to appoint a PhD student with good reason and under specific conditions. In addition, the special curricula of medical scientists will also be taken into account.

Evaluation

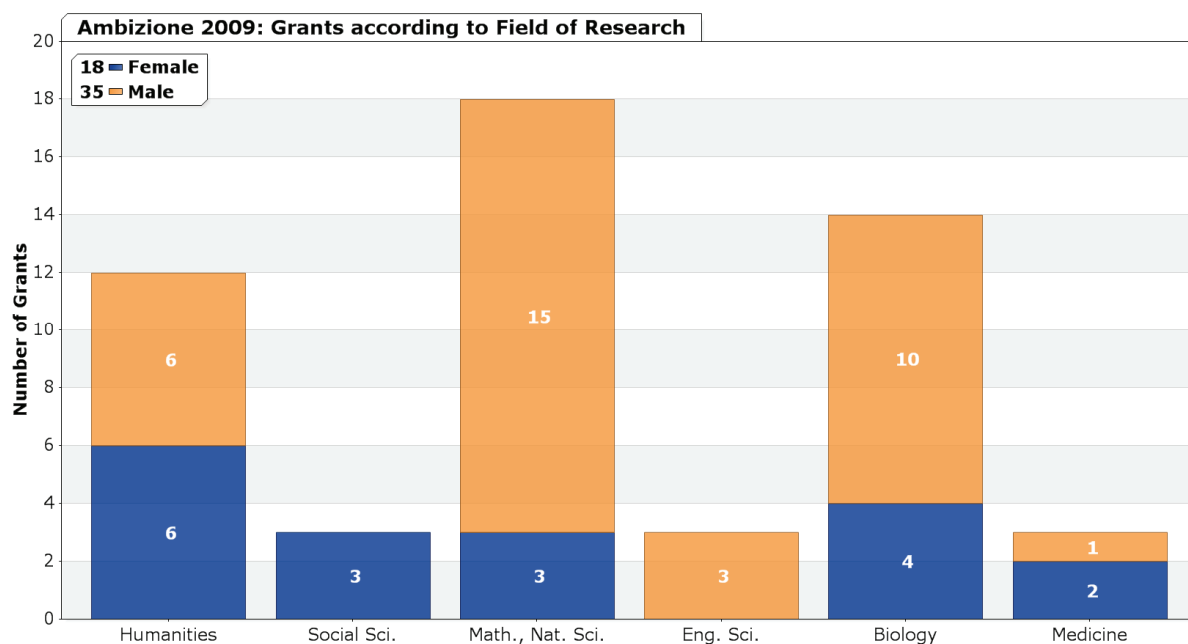
Ambizione 2009: Grants according to Field of Support

	Total		Female		Male	
Field of support I (humanities and social sciences)	15	(28.3 %)	9	(60.0 %)	6	(40.0 %)
Field of support II (mathematics, natural and engineering sciences)	21	(39.6 %)	3	(14.3 %)	18	(85.7 %)
Field of support III (biology and medicine)	17	(32.1 %)	6	(35.3 %)	11	(64.7 %)
Total	53		18	(34.0 %)	35	(66.0 %)



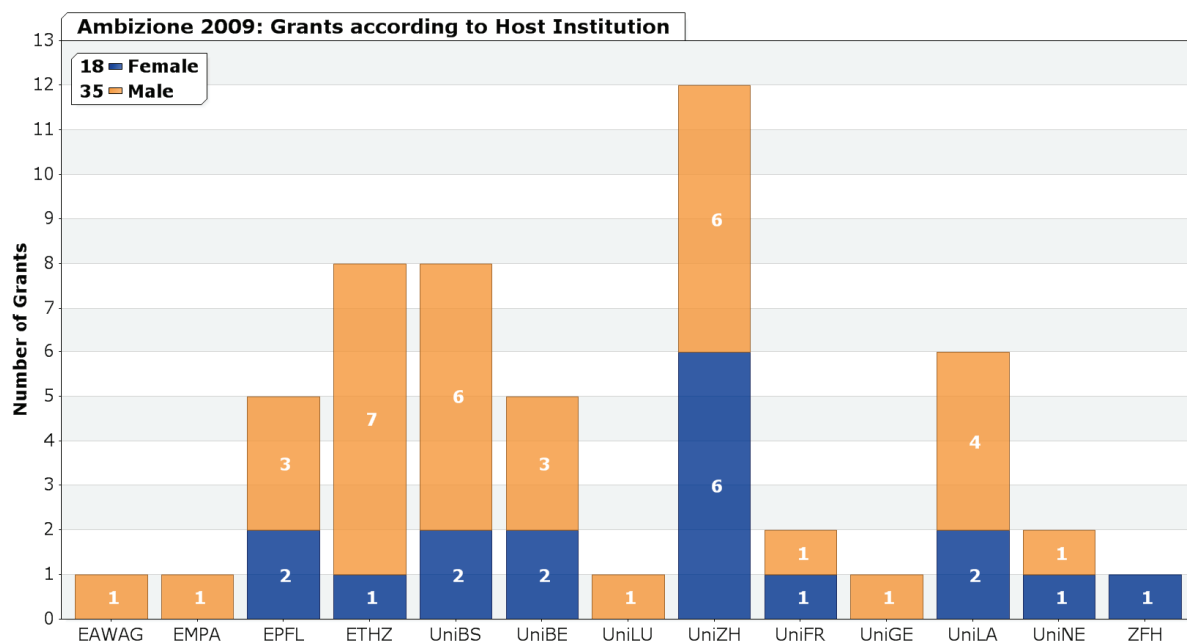
Ambizione 2009: Grants according to Field of Research

	Total		Female		Male	
Humanities	12	(22.6 %)	6	(50.0 %)	6	(50.0 %)
Social sciences	3	(5.7 %)	3	(100.0 %)	0	(0.0 %)
Mathematics and natural sciences	18	(33.9 %)	3	(16.7 %)	15	(83.3 %)
Engineering sciences	3	(5.7 %)	0	(0.0 %)	3	(100.0 %)
Biology	14	(26.4 %)	4	(28.6 %)	10	(71.4 %)
Medicine	3	(5.7 %)	2	(66.7 %)	1	(33.3 %)
Total	53		18		35	



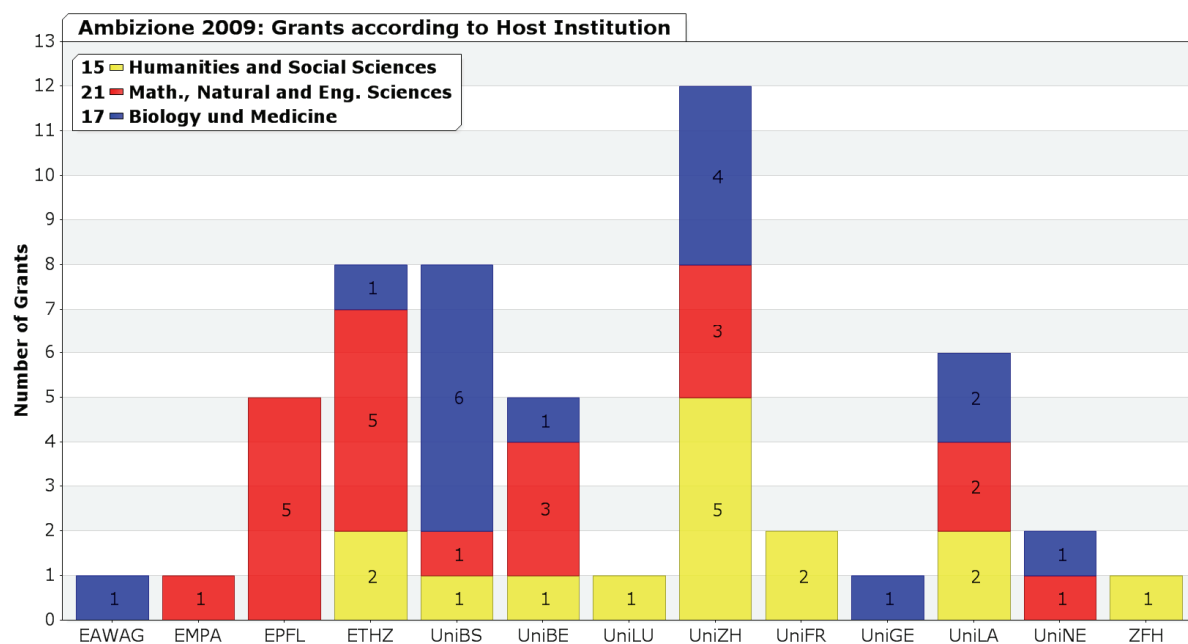
Ambizione 2009: Grants according to Host Institution

	Total	Female	Male
EAWAG	1	0	1
EMPA	1	0	1
EPF Lausanne	5	2	3
ETH Zürich	8	1	7
Universität Basel	8	2	6
Universität Bern	5	2	3
Universität Luzern	1	0	1
Universität Zürich	12	6	6
Université de Fribourg	2	1	1
Université de Genève	1	0	1
Université de Lausanne	6	2	4
Université de Neuchâtel	2	1	1
Zürcher Fachhochschule	1	1	0
Total	53	18	35



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	Humanities and Social Sci.	Math., Natural and Eng. Sci.	Biology and Medicine	Total
EAWAG			1	1
EMPA		1		1
EPF Lausanne		5		5
ETH Zürich	2	5	1	8
Universität Basel	1	1	6	8
Universität Bern	1	3	1	5
Universität Luzern	1			1
Universität Zürich	5	3	4	12
Université de Fribourg	2			2
Université de Genève			1	1
Université de Lausanne	2	2	2	6
Université de Neuchâtel		1	1	2
Zürcher Fachhochschule	1			1
Total	15	21	17	53



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