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## **Implementation regulations for SNSF professorships in clinical research**

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The National Research Council,

based on Article 1 paragraph 4 of the Regulations on SNSF professorships

issues the following Implementation Regulations:

### **Article 1 Principles**

<sup>1</sup> Junior researchers who work in clinically oriented areas and have the potential for excellence in clinical research are to be funded.

<sup>2</sup> The SNSF enables researchers in medical disciplines to combine basic and applied research with clinical activities within the scope of an SNSF professorship and thereby to promote their careers as clinical researchers.

<sup>3</sup> It funds internationally recognised and highly regarded junior researchers in these areas.

### **Article 2 Special provisions**

The Regulations on SNSF professorships apply subject to any deviating provisions in the following:

- a. Junior researchers who wish to apply for an SNSF professorship in clinical disciplines must be established clinicians and clinical researchers.
- b. The confirmation pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 4 letter e of the Regulations on SNSF professorships must guarantee that 50% of the work-time can be devoted to clinical activities and that 50% of the work-time is reserved for research: e.g. one month research / one month clinic or six months research / six months clinic. SNSF professors shall not be encumbered with administrative duties during the time reserved for research.

- c. In addition to the confirmation from the host institute pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 3 letters a.-c. of the Regulations on SNSF professorships, the relevant clinical unit at the host institute confirms that it will fully support the SNSF clinical professors, particularly in view of the possibility of conducting independent research (including guaranteed access to the laboratory, if necessary).
- d. Before taking up their post, the grantees will compile a schedule, which must be approved by the responsible clinical unit at the host institute. This schedule is submitted to the SNSF.
- e. A contact person to be appointed by the Research Council ensures that the time reserved for research is respected. If possible, this contact person should be a research councillor who works at the host institution but does not belong to the same department as the SNSF professor.
- f. The interim reports must give an account of the time reserved for research and must include a statement by the contact person named under Article 2 letter e.

These Implementation Regulations enter into force on 1 January 2009.