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Regulations on grants for interdisciplinary projects (IDS grants)

1 June 2009

The National Research Council

based on Articles 68¹ of the Funding Regulations

hereby issues the following Regulations:

Article 1 Principle

¹ The Swiss National Science Foundation (hereinafter: SNSF) awards grants to researchers who submit interdisciplinary applications (IDS grants)² in order to fund projects involving interdisciplinary research.

² IDS grants are awarded for scientific research of high quality which satisfies both the evaluation criteria defined in Article 24³ of the Funding Regulations and the evaluation criteria defined by the National Research Council specifically for interdisciplinary research (Article 5 of the present Regulations).

³ Interdisciplinary grant applications are evaluated by the Specialised Committee Interdisciplinary Research (FA ID) of the Research Council.

Article 2 Grant application

¹ Applications for an IDS grant are submitted by the persons responsible for the research project, who are regarded as the applicants. These persons generally form a research group as defined in Article 12⁴ of the Funding Regulations. The applicants appoint a responsible applicant, who represents them before the SNSF, which representation is legally binding.

¹ Amendment; funding regulations of 27.2.2015, in force since 1 January 2016.

² Editorial amendment of 1 July 2012, in force with immediate effect.

³ Amendment; funding regulations of 27.2.2015, in force since 1 January 2016.

⁴ Amendment; funding regulations of 27.2.2015, in force since 1 January 2016.

² The applications for IDS grants must be submitted in accordance with the relevant directives using the official documents provided by the SNSF. The applications must contain all mandatory data and documents.

Article 3 Budget for IDS grants

¹ The budget covers the total funds requested from the SNSF to carry out the intended project.

² If two or more research units are involved in an interdisciplinary project, the funds required per unit are debited from the total amount.

³ The budget may include joint costs, in particular for organising collaboration between the groups involved.

Article 4 Submission deadlines

The deadlines for the submission of applications are 1 April and 1 October.

Article 5 Assessment criteria

¹ The applications are assessed according to the criteria defined in Article 24⁵ of the Funding Regulations.

² The National Research Council additionally applies the following criteria, which are specific to interdisciplinary applications:

- a. Integration of interdisciplinarity in the scientific approach;
- b. Organisation of interdisciplinary work;
- c. Impact on the qualifications of junior researchers.

Article 6 Reporting

The responsible grantees periodically submit a scientific and a financial report to the SNSF in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Research Council.

Article 7 Further provisions

Unless these Regulations provide otherwise, the provisions of the Funding Regulations and the General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations apply.

Article 8 Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force on 1 October 2009.

⁵ Amendment; funding regulations of 27.2.2015, in force since 1 January 2016.