

Humanities and social sciences: Money follows Cooperation Line (= international co-investigator scheme) with the UK

Agreement between the SNSF, the ESRC (UK) and the AHRC (UK)

1. Principle

The SNSF has reached an agreement on the Money follows Cooperation Line process (= international co-investigator scheme) with the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in the UK. The aim of this agreement is to facilitate cross-border research collaborations with British partners in the humanities and social sciences.

As a result, individual projects in the humanities and social sciences (submission to Div. I) may contain parts to be conducted in the UK as of the submission deadline of 1 April 2014. When submitting their applications, applicants may also request money for the parts in the UK. The latter will also be financed by the SNSF.

2. Procedure

The applications with British sub-projects may be submitted by the usual submission deadlines for project funding, namely 1 October and 1 April. The applications must be submitted via the web platform mySNF (www.mysnf.ch) by means of the standard forms. In addition, a short form (available on the SNSF website and on mySNF) describing the added value created by the partnership must be enclosed. This form is attached to the application in mySNF.

The share of the budget requested for research conducted in the UK must not exceed 30% of the project budget and will also be financed by the SNSF. The SNSF will finance the research costs and the usual local salaries (no overhead costs).

The overall project will be evaluated by Division I of the Research Council.

The Money follows Cooperation Line applications are evaluated together with the purely Swiss applications. There is no additional budget earmarked for Money follows Cooperation Line projects. The submitted proposals must not have any thematic overlaps with other proposals submitted to the SNSF or with ongoing projects.

In turn, Swiss sub-projects (also with a volume of up to 30% of the overall budget) will be co-financed within the scope of projects funded by the ESRC or the AHRC. The rules of the relevant funding organisations (to be obtained directly from the ESRC and the AHRC) shall apply.

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