2016 – research funding in figures

In 2016, the Swiss National Science Foundation awarded grants worth a total of CHF 937.3 million, 6.8 per cent more than in the previous year.

3,244 research projects were funded in 2016

14,600 researchers were involved in SNSF-funded projects as at 30 June 2016. This number includes applicants and their staff.

264.3 million
28% Humanities and Social Sciences

334.2 million
36% Biology and Medicine

337.5 million
36% Mathematics, Natural and Engineering Sciences

937.3 million

Use of funds
Grants worth CHF 937.3 million were approved, in percentage terms

77% salaries and fellowships (incl. social security contributions)

19% research funds

4% materials of enduring value

Funding by research area
Approved grants in CHF million and as share of total funding amount (interdisciplinary projects have been distributed across the three science areas)

Funding by scheme
Approved amounts in CHF and as share of total funding amount

22% Programmes (203.2 million)

9% Infrastructures (86.0 million)

1% Science communication (6.8 million)

14% Other (131.2 million)

22% Careers (206.7 million)

46% Projects (434.7 million)

Funding awarded to researchers by institution
Approved amounts in CHF million (without fellowships abroad)

Universities
96.2 Uni Basel
106.4 Uni Bern
104.8 Uni Geneva
106.3 Uni Graz
10.2 Uni Neuchatel
10.6 Uni St. Gallen
91.9 Uni Zurich

Research institutes
111.0 EDF, EPFL
34.5 Research institutes

Universities of applied sciences and universities of teacher education
24.8 Universities of applied sciences
4.8 Universities of teacher education

Other institutions
15.3 Others (NPOs, companies)

In addition, CHF 99.1 million were transferred to higher education institutions as overhead to cover indirect costs.

Some of the total amounts may contain rounding differences. The figures of the research funding statistics are not comparable with the figures of the financial statement (p. 30–33).

Further statistics: www.snsf.ch/statistics

Percentage of approved funding by gender
Women submit far fewer applications than men

77% 23%