

## Innovations in project funding: overview of the main changes

Project funding	Until now	As of October 2016
<b>General</b>		
Legal basis	Integrated into the General Funding Regulations	Separate regulations
<b>Grant conditions</b>		
Maximum grant duration	3 years	4 years
Minimum grant duration	No restrictions	1 year
Formal follow-up possible (no external review necessary)	Yes	No
Thematic follow-up possible	Yes	Yes
Maximum amount requested	No restrictions	No restrictions
Minimum amount requested	No restrictions	CHF 50,000
<b>Applicants</b>		
Eligibility	Several years of independent research after PhD, employed at the time of application	4 years after PhD, employed during the funding period. Persons with less research experience are advised to obtain information on the new Ambizione grants, which are due to be implemented at the beginning of 2017
Specific restrictions	Ambizione grant holders excluded	Ambizione grant holders excluded, SNSF professors excluded in the first 2 years
Number of applicants	No restrictions	"One person – one grant" is the basic rule; further applicants could be included depending on the research goals and provided they make a substantial contribution to the project
Number of applications within project funding	No limits if the projects are clearly different	Applicants can apply for a second grant if the projects are clearly different
Researchers contributing to an SNSF project	Informal collaborations	Researchers who do not make a substantial contribution to the project may still benefit from the grant in the role of project partners

<b>Eligible costs</b>		
Salaries for employees	Yes	Yes
Research costs (consumables, field trips, etc.)	Yes	Yes
Scientific exchange (workshops, conferences, visits)	Marginally	Yes
Contributions to infrastructure	Marginally	Yes
OA publications	Yes	Yes
Project partners	No	Yes
<b>Career measures (for persons employed in SNSF projects)</b>		
120%	For postdocs, supplementary grant	For postdocs and PhD students* (only childcare costs for the latter)
Mobility	For PhD students, supplementary grant	For postdocs* and PhD students
Gender equality grant	For postdocs and PhD students, eligible costs	For postdocs and PhD students

\*Extension will depend on approval of the corresponding funding