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## **Guidelines: Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships with or without a return phase to Switzerland**

**Please read attentively this document which gives indications about the submission of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility application with or without a return phase to Switzerland.**

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# 1. Important remarks

## Submission options

1. Fellowship abroad: (new application or follow-up of an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship or follow-up of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship): Please submit **one application (i)**.
2. Fellowship abroad (new application or follow-up of an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship or follow-up of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship) + return phase: Please submit **two applications (i and ii)**. Please create and complete first the fellowship application (i) and after the return application (ii). Please note that in the return application (ii) the documents must not be again uploaded. This application will only be used for administrative and technical reasons.
3. Only the return phase: Please submit **one application (ii)**. Are eligible only the holders of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility; the **fellowship** must be **ongoing at the submission deadline**.

**(i)** Fellowship abroad: mySNF > Create new application > Careers > **Advanced Postdoc.Mobility**

**(ii)** Return phase to Switzerland: mySNF > Create new application > Careers > **Return CH Advanced Postdoc.Mobility**

Please note that the decisions are communicated in a ruling approx. 5 months after the submission deadline.

A funding proposal is regarded as submitted in due time if received by the SNSF by **17:00 Swiss local time** on the submission date (February 1 or August 1). If the submission date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday recognised under Swiss federal law, the submission date will be moved forward to 17:00 Swiss local time on the next working day.

**Please note: applications must meet the requirements with regard to, for example, the length of the research plan and the other mandatory data. The SNSF may decide not to consider applications that do not meet all of the requirements.**

## 2. Personal and application data

FELLOWSHIP ABROAD (options 1 and 2)	RETURN PHASE TO SWITZERLAND (options 2 and 3)
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### 2.1 Basic data I – Starting date

The earliest possible start of the fellowship is 6 months after the respective submission deadline (1 February/1 August). The latest possible start of the fellowship is 12 months after the date of the ruling.  Fellowships always start on the first day of the month.	For the candidates who are applying for a fellowship abroad and a return phase (option 2): The period of research after the return from abroad generally starts immediately after the Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship, but no later than 12 months after the end of the fellowship abroad.  For the candidates who are applying only for the return phase (option 3): The earliest possible start of the return grant is 6 months after the respective submission deadline (1 February/1 August), but no
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	<p>later than 12 months after the end of the fellowship abroad.</p> <p>Return phases always start on the first day of the month.</p>
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## 2.2 Basic data I - Duration

<p>The duration of the fellowship abroad is defined in months.</p> <p>Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships are awarded for a minimum of 12 and up to a maximum of 36 months. If you already hold an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship, please note that the total duration of 36 months may generally not be exceeded with the Early Postdoc.Mobility and Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships. Please note that the duration of a possible return phase in Switzerland (3-12 months) is not included in the max. duration of 36 months of the mobility fellowships.</p>	<p>The duration of the return phase to Switzerland is defined in months.</p> <p>The return grant is awarded for at least 3 and at most 12 months. Its duration is generally at the most one third of the entire duration of funding through the mobility fellowships Advanced Postdoc.Mobility and Early Postdoc.Mobility. Please note that the duration of a possible return phase in Switzerland (3-12 months) is not included in the max. duration of 36 months of the mobility fellowships. Please take note that it is not possible to request an extension of the return phase.</p>
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## 2.3 Basic data I – Research field and main discipline

<p>Depending on the research field, your application is assigned to an Evaluation Commission (EvCo) which will be primarily responsible for evaluating your application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you would like your application to be evaluated by the EvCo for humanities and social sciences, please select "human sciences" or "social sciences" as your research field and a main discipline within "10000 human and social sciences".</li> <li>- If you would like your application to be evaluated by the EvCo for mathematics, natural sciences and engineering, please select the research field "mathematics and natural sciences" or "engineering sciences" and a main discipline within "20000 mathematics, natural sciences and engineering".</li> <li>- If you would like your application to be evaluated by the EvCo for biology or for the EvCo for medicine, please select "life sciences" or "medicine" as your research field and a main discipline within "30000 biology and medicine".</li> </ul> <p>Subsequently, you can select other research fields and sub-disciplines.</p>
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## 2.4 Return CH

<p>If a concrete return phase to Switzerland is planned, i.e. with a specific research plan and host institute, please mention the foreseen starting date, the duration (3 to 12 months), the occupation rate (min. 80%), as well as the address and contact person of the host institute. The return phase must be included in the research plan and an invitation letter of the host institute must be submitted. Please submit also in parallel an application "Return CH Advanced Postdoc.Mobility" (section 1, option 2). Concerning the return period, please note that the regulations do not formally exclude the possibility to return to the</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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place of education. However, such a choice could be critically evaluated with regard to the increasing independence expected from Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship holders and with regard to the chances to pursue an academic career.	
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## 2.5 Available or requested funds

<p>The SNSF does not grant any award for research projects that are already being funded by the SNSF or third parties (article 8 of the <a href="#">Funding Regulations</a>). If you already have corresponding funds at your disposal to cover the living costs during the project (salary or a separate stipend), it is in general not possible to supplement these funds by an SNSF mobility fellowship. In case of questions, please clarify the situation with the SNSF Administrative Offices.</p> <p>If you have requested or obtained additional funds (salary, fellowship, funds to cover congress costs, research costs, tuition fees etc.), please give detailed information. Note that even after you have submitted your application, you must inform the SNSF in case you obtain or request additional funds from other funding bodies while your proposal is being evaluated. Third party funds that exceed CHF 1'250 per month will be deducted from any granted fellowship monies.</p>	n/a
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## 2.6 Requested funding (fellowship)

### 2.6.1 Fellowship basic grant

The amount of the fellowship is based on your relationship status, family obligations and cost of living in the host country. Please refer to the document "Fellowship rates" on mySNF under "Information/documents" or at <a href="http://www.snsf.ch">www.snsf.ch</a> > Funding > Careers > Advanced Postdoc.Mobility > Documents.	n/a
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### 2.6.2 Child allowance

If neither you nor your partner receive a child allowance during the fellowship, the SNSF shall award an annual allowance of up to CHF 12,000 per child. If the child stays in Switzerland, the maximum annual allowance is CHF 3,000 per child. Child allowances contributed by third parties are deducted.	n/a
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### 2.6.3 Research costs

<p>A maximum of CHF 3,000 per year may be approved if there is written proof that the host institution cannot cover the costs. Please state as precisely as possible how much funding you need for the entire duration of the fellowship and how you intend to use it. During an ongoing fellowship, funds to cover research costs can only be claimed in exceptional cases. You will find more information about eligible research costs in chapter 11.2 of the information set for SNSF mobility fellowships at <a href="http://www.snsf.ch">www.snsf.ch</a> &gt; Funding &gt; Careers &gt; Advanced Postdoc.Mobility &gt; Documents.</p>	n/a
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### 2.6.4 Congress costs

<p>A maximum of CHF 2,000 is approved per year. Please state as precisely as possible how much funding you need for the entire duration of the grant and how you intend to use it. During an ongoing fellowship, funds to cover conference costs can only be claimed in exceptional cases. Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before the conference takes place. You will find more information about conference costs in chapter 11.2 of the information set for SNSF mobility fellowships at <a href="http://www.snsf.ch">www.snsf.ch</a> &gt; Funding &gt; Careers &gt; Advanced Postdoc.Mobility &gt; Documents.</p>	n/a
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### 2.6.5 Registration fees

<p>In general, fellowship holders do not have to pay tuition fees. If a fee is charged, you have to provide written confirmation from the host university that the fee cannot be waived. In such cases, the SNSF may pay a maximum of <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the fee, or up to CHF 15,000 per year. Please state as precisely as possible the funding you will need for the entire duration of the grant. During an ongoing fellowship, funds to cover tuition fees can only be claimed in exceptional cases. You will find more information about tuition fees in chapter 11.2 of the information set for SNSF mobility fellowships at <a href="http://www.snsf.ch">www.snsf.ch</a> &gt; Funding &gt; Careers &gt; Advanced Postdoc.Mobility &gt; Documents.</p>	n/a
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### 2.6.6 Participation on travel expenses

<p>The SNSF awards a travel allowance for one return journey to the host institution. Family members can receive an allowance if they live with the grantee for a minimum of 6 months without interruption during his/her stay abroad. For Early Postdoc.Mobility or Advanced Postdoc.Mobility follow-ups, a travel</p>	n/a
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allowance is only approved if there is a change of host university.	
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## 2.7 Salary of applicant (return)

n/a	<p>The supported researchers generally spend at least 80% of their working time on the approved research project. Regarding the salary, the SNSF grants CHF 110,000.— (incl. social security contributions) resp. CHF 95,000.- (without social security contributions) for 12 months for a full-time equivalent. The salary will be defined by the SNSF and the grant administration office of the higher education institution where the grant holder is employed.</p> <p>Medical researchers doing clinical work can devote a maximum of 20 % of their working time to clinical work during the entire funding period.</p> <p>The SNSF normally recognizes the local salary norms as the upper limit, but reserves the right to reduce salaries, which lie above the national average. If the approved research funding is exceeded due to cost of living allowances, this will be compensated later by the SNSF.</p>
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## 2.8 Requested funding (return)

n/a	<p>A maximum of CHF 3,000 per year for the research costs (incl. congress costs) if you can provide written proof that the host institution does not make any such contributions. Please specify the expenses for which these funds will be used.</p>
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## 2.9 Research requiring authorisation or notification

n/a	<p>Scientists who intend to perform research requiring authorisation or notification in their project must declare this below. Copies of the authorisation or notification can either be scanned and uploaded in the course of the online submission or sent to the SNSF by regular mail.</p> <p>The SNSF points out that grants can only be transferred if all required authorisations or notifications are available. Researchers are therefore recommended to submit the requests for these documents to the concerned authorities parallel to the evaluation by the SNSF.</p>
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## 2.10 References

<p>For new applications or follow-up applications for an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship: Indicate two reference persons (more than two will not be accepted).</p> <p>For follow-up proposals of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship: Indicate one reference person (more than one will not be accepted).</p> <p>The indicated persons write a reference letter. The reference letters are confidential and need to be signed by the reference persons. You need to request the reference letters via mySNF. Once you have received the reference letters, you must upload them to the "Reference letters" container before 1 February or 1 August. Please specify, if any of your reference persons has advised you on how to draft the research plan.</p>	<p>For the candidates which are applying only for the return phase (section 1, option 3): Indicate one reference person (more than one will not be accepted). The indicated person writes a reference letter. The reference letter is confidential and needs to be signed by the reference person. You need to request the reference letter via mySNF. Once you have received the reference letter, you must upload it to the "Reference letters" container before 1 February or 1 August. Please specify, if the reference person has advised you on how to draft the research plan.</p>
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## 2.11 Diplomas/certificates

<p>For applicants with a PhD, the date of the examination or viva voce/defence of the thesis is the decisive date. For applicants who have completed their medical exam, the date of the medical exam (Staatsexamen or equivalent exam) is relevant. Please make sure NOT to mention/use the date the certificate was issued in your CV and in the corresponding data container on mySNF.</p>	n/a
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## 3. Annexed documents (PDF format required, max. 10 MB per container)

### 3.1 Research plan

<p><b><u>A. General remarks</u></b></p> <p>The research plan provides the basis for scientific evaluation, particularly of the quality of the proposed research project, i.e. its scientific relevance, topicality, originality, feasibility, and the suitability of its methods. Together with the CV and the applicant's track record, the research plan also serves as a basis for assessing the researcher's scientific qualifications, particularly his/her expertise with regard to the project.</p> <p>The SNSF's requirements with regard to the form and content of the research plan help to ensure the comparability of applications. This is an important prerequisite for a comparative evaluation based on the principle of competition and for the equal treatment of all applicants.</p> <p>The research plan must consist of original text that has been written by the applicant himself/herself. A limited amount of text (or other material, graphs, etc.) by third parties or text published by the applicant himself/herself is permissible in the sections concerning the state of research (2.1) and the state of his/her personal research (2.2) as well as when describing standard methods. The quoted texts must be clearly</p>
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designated as such (quotation marks or appropriate wording) and a verifiable source must be mentioned nearby and in the bibliography. The SNSF uses a special software to compare texts and analyse suspected cases of plagiarism. A number of universities have made such programs available to their students and employees. We recommend that you contact your institution for further information. For more details see the SNSF dossier on scientific integrity:

[www.snsf.ch](http://www.snsf.ch) > The SNSF > Research policies > Scientific integrity

In **mathematics, natural and engineering sciences, biology, medicine, psychology, economics and political sciences**, applications have to be submitted **in English**. In all other research areas, applications can be submitted in one of the official Swiss languages. Special rules apply for political sciences (1.16 of the [General implementation regulations](#)).

The SNSF does not consider applications that **do not meet the requirements for the research plan**, the **formal requirements for applications** (article 14 of the [Funding Regulations](#)) and the **requirements for research integrity and good scientific practice** (article 15 of the [Funding Regulations](#)).

## **B. Structure of the research plan**

The research plan must **not exceed 10 pages and 40'000 characters (with spaces)**; this includes the title, the summary, footnotes, illustrations, formulae, tables (as well as a possible table of contents), but not the bibliography. A minimum of **point 10 font size** (e.g. Times New Roman; condensed fonts not allowed) and **1.5 line spacing** must be used. The research plan must not contain any annexed documents.

**Please note: Applications must meet all formal requirements (number of pages, characters, etc.). The SNSF does not consider applications that do not meet all of the requirements and/or are manifestly inadequate.**

The research plan (incl. a dedicated section on the return phase, if requested) needs to be structured as follows:

### **1. Summary of the research plan**

The summary (**maximum 1 page**) should describe the aims of the application and how they will be reached and place the planned project in a wider scientific context.

### **2. Research plan**

#### **2.1. Current state of research in the field**

Describe your project in the context of the current state of knowledge in your field. Make reference to the most important publications, particularly by other authors. Please describe:

- Which previous insights provided the starting point and basis for the planned studies;
- In which areas research is needed, and why;
- Which important, relevant research projects are currently underway in Switzerland and abroad.

#### **2.2. Current state of your own research**

For a **new application**, please present the research work you have already undertaken in the relevant field or in related fields, describe the results obtained so far as well as the relevance of these preliminary undertakings for your project.

For a **follow-up proposal** (follow-up of an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship or a follow-up of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship), please report on the work conducted within the scope of the previous project and the results obtained.

### **2.3. Detailed research plan**

Based on the information provided under 2.1 and 2.2, please specify the approach you are taking and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve in the period of funding. The following points should be addressed:

- describe the studies or experiments needed and/or envisaged to reach the set goals. Assess the risks involved and propose alternatives if necessary;
- characterize existing sources and datasets and describe the data collection strategy and possible alternative strategies;
- describe the methods by which the research goals are to be reached and methods that first have to be developed.

Your description should be as detailed as necessary to enable an expert to assess whether your methodology is appropriate and your project feasible.

### **2.4. Schedule and milestones**

Please compile a schedule that includes the main tasks and most important interim goals (e.g. table, Gantt chart, etc.). If a return phase is requested, please include the corresponding timetable in the schedule.

### **2.5. Reason for the choice of research institution(s)**

Please describe your choice of the research institution(s).

### **2.6. Relevance and impact**

Please describe the scientific relevance and expected impacts of your project for the discipline and for science as a whole (research and education/teaching). Please mention the form in which you wish to publish your research results (articles in scientific journals, monographs, conference proceedings, etc.). If applicable, please indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project will have a broader impact and what this impact will be.

### **2.7. Relevance for personal career development**

Please describe the relevance of your project for your personal career development.

## **3. Bibliography**

List the sources of all concluded and/or ongoing work referred to in the research plan. Give the full reference, especially the title, source and full author list. **Do not use "et al." to shorten the author list.** (Exception: the author list can be shortened if a publication involves large international consortia with over 50 authors. In this case, a link to the complete reference has to be included). The bibliography is not included in the maximum number of pages (10) and characters (40'000) count.

## **C. Revised application (resubmission)**

If this application is a revised version of a rejected application, please upload in the container "Research plan" **a separate document** providing a **point-for-point** response to the critique raised in the rejection letter and a comment on significant changes or additions in the research plan, if applicable. This statement must be written in the same language as the research plan and must **not be longer than 2 pages**.

### 3.2 Curriculum vitae and major scientific achievements

#### **A. General remarks**

The SNSF has signed the [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#), which recommends funders to be explicit about the criteria used in evaluating the scientific productivity of applicants.

The scientific quality, value and impact of the **entire research output** is taken into consideration (including datasets, software, prototypes) in addition to research publications. In this context, the scientific content of a paper is much more important than publication metrics or the name of the journal in which it was published. Furthermore, during its evaluation procedure, the SNSF takes into account the scientific discipline, academic age and personal situation (e.g. career breaks, child care duties).

In order to comply with the DORA, the SNSF requests a standardised set of information from all applicants.

This document must be written in the same language as the research plan, and must be structured as specified below. This document can be sent out for peer-reviewing. **Proposals that lack the relevant information will not be considered for evaluation.**

#### **B. CV and major scientific achievements**

The **CV (maximum 3 pages)** and a **short statement of major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page)** must be **assembled in one document** and be written in the **same language as the research plan**. The document is used to assess the following criteria:

- eligibility of the applicant for Advanced Postdoc.Mobility;
- scientific qualifications of the applicant, based on past achievements;
- ability of the applicant to conduct original research of high scientific quality and impact under his/her own responsibility.

The **CV must not exceed 3 pages** (minimum font size 10 points) and must be structured as follows (if applicable). It is important that **all dates at least include month and year**. Additional points can be added, if relevant to the proposal:

1. Personal information, including the researcher ID (e.g. OrcID, ResearcherID, Google Scholar ID)
2. Education: Please mention the **day of your PhD viva voce/defence and the name of the PhD advisor/s**. For applicants who have **completed their medical exam, the date of the medical exam (Staatsexamen or equivalent exam) and the date of the MD thesis** should be mentioned
3. Employment history including current position/s **with the name/s of the advisor/s**
4. Institutional responsibilities
5. Approved research projects
6. Supervision of junior researchers at graduate and postgraduate level (summary information, the names of the junior researchers should be indicated)
7. Teaching activities (summary information)
8. Memberships in panels, boards, etc., and individual scientific reviewing activities
9. Active memberships in scientific societies, fellowships in renowned academies
10. Organisation of conferences
11. Prizes, awards, fellowships

12. Career breaks (provide justification for events that might have influenced or delayed research and publication activities such as long absences due to illness, family commitments, etc.)

In the section "**Major scientific achievements**" (**maximum 1 page to be annexed to the CV**) the applicant describes his/her most important scientific achievements.

All these items are intended for evaluators to specifically assess the scientific quality and relevance of the research output. If possible, the documents/sources of the various achievements should be made available to the evaluators via a direct open access web-link.

### 3.3 Research output list

#### **A. General remarks**

The SNSF has signed the [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#), which recommends funders to be explicit about the criteria used in evaluating the scientific productivity of applicants.

The scientific quality, value and impact of the **entire research output** is taken into consideration (including datasets, software, and prototypes) in addition to research publications. In this context, the scientific content of a paper is much more important than publication metrics or the name of the journal in which it was published. Furthermore, during its evaluation procedure, the SNSF takes into account the scientific discipline, academic age and personal situation (e.g. career breaks, childcare duties).

In order to comply with the DORA, the SNSF requests a standardised set of information from all applicants.

This document must be written in the same language as the research plan, and must be structured as specified below. This document can be sent out for peer-reviewing. **Proposals that lack the relevant information will not be considered for evaluation.**

#### **B. Research output list**

The research output list is used in the evaluation process to assess the scientific productivity and qualification of an applicant with regard to the proposed project and his/her ability to successfully conduct and document a research project. Both aspects are also taken into account in the evaluation of the feasibility of the proposed research project.

Depending on the research field, the applicant's position in the list of authors may give an indication on his/her contribution to the scientific work (see also: Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences: [Integrity in scientific research, Principles and procedures](#)).

The research output of an applicant is used, among others, as a measure of his/her scientific independence. The total number of publications or the number of publications per year is not considered to be the only indicator of performance.

Please separate your publications **resulting from your PhD/medical exam (or prior) and from your postdoctoral time** and **highlight the 5 most important contributions**. For all publications listed from your postdoctoral time, please give a very short comment on your contribution; in particular for publications with several authors, where the applicant is not first or last author, or for disciplines where the authors are in alphabetical order.

The applicant's name in the list of authors and the publication year must be clearly visible (e.g. boldfaced or underlined). Give the full reference, especially the title, source and full author list. **Do not use "et al." to shorten the list of authors**, unless the research project was conducted by a large international collaboration with more than 50 authors and a direct link to the full publication is given.

All these items are intended for evaluators to specifically assess the scientific quality and relevance of the research output. In order to support the principle of open electronic access to scientific knowledge nationally

and internationally, please **provide a direct internet link for each publication**, if applicable. **All publications attached as a PDF in the container "Other annexes" will not be taken into account and will be deleted.**

The research output list should be **structured as follows** (if applicable). Under points 1 - 4 **only "accepted", "in press" or "published"** publications can be listed. The publications "submitted" or "under revision" can be listed under point 10. It is not allowed to mention publications "in preparation":

1. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals
2. Peer-reviewed books/monographs
3. Peer-reviewed conference proceedings
4. Contributions to books
5. Patents and licenses
6. Oral contributions to conferences
7. Outreach activities (e.g. public engagement in science, technology and knowledge transfer activities, scientific art performances, etc.)
8. General contributions to science (e.g. spokesperson for experiments, leader of expeditions, founder of networks and training programmes, etc.)
9. Other artefacts with documented use (e.g. maps, methods, prototype demos, software, databases, design, arXiv-articles, contributions to big data collaborations, etc.)
10. Publications "submitted" or "under revision". It is not allowed to mention publications "in preparation"

Please note that the research output list cannot be updated after the submission of your application.

### 3.4 Career plan

No form or template is provided by the SNSF. The career plan must not exceed one page (a minimum of point 10 font size). The past career achievements should be described briefly, while more emphasis should be put on the medium and long-term career goals.

### 3.5 Confirmation host institution

Please enclose a confirmation from each host institution abroad (fellowship) and in Switzerland (return phase) with the application. The confirmation letters must bear the official letter head of the host institution and an original signature of the head of the institution or host professor (e-mail signature is not sufficient). The confirmation has to state clearly that the necessary infrastructure is available for the duration of the fellowship. The start and end dates of the fellowship must be mentioned. You should clarify as early as possible whether a stay at the host institution is subject to any conditions. For example, some host institutions ask fellowship holders to contribute a sum of money towards the institution's overhead. The SNSF does not cover any overhead

For the candidates who are applying only for the return phase (section 1, option 3): Please enclose a confirmation from the host institution to Switzerland. The confirmation letter must bear the official letter head of the host institution and an original signature of the head of the institution or host professor (e-mail signature is not sufficient). The confirmation has to state clearly that the necessary infrastructure is available for the duration of the fellowship. The start and end dates of the fellowship must be mentioned.

<p>costs incurred at host institutions abroad, however. The host institution may also ask for funds to cover the research costs. The SNSF can contribute a maximum of CHF 3,000 per year towards research costs if certain requirements are met. Fellowship holders who bring their own financial contribution for covering living costs should generally receive adequate support from their host institution; this support should encompass, among other things, infrastructure as well as any consumables. In this context, please take note of the "Information set SNSF mobility fellowships", item 11.2 at <a href="http://www.snsf.ch">www.snsf.ch</a> &gt; Funding &gt; Careers &gt; Advanced Postdoc.Mobility &gt; Documents. Please also clarify your status at the host institution. Some host institutes demand that fellowship holders be officially employed at the institution. In such cases, it is possible that a large portion of the fellowship is spent on taxes and on social security contributions. The amount that ought to be available to the fellowship holders to cover their living costs is therefore reduced.</p>	
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### 3.6 Partnership and family confirmations

<p>Higher rates are allocated for grantees accompanied for at least six months without interruption by spouses or partners who do not pursue any paid employment. For childless, unmarried couples, the higher rate applies only if they have a stable partnership at the time of the submission deadline.</p> <p>If you claim the higher amount and are married or living in a registered partnership, please upload the corresponding document here. If you are not married or living in a registered partnership, please fill in the form "Confirmation of partnership by cohabiting partners" under "Information/documents", sign it and scan it as a PDF.</p> <p>If you have children that you are obliged to support, please upload the family register.</p>	n/a
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### 3.7 Swiss residence permit or Swiss passport

<p>For new applications: If you are not a Swiss citizen and not married to or living in a registered partnership with a Swiss, please enclose your valid cross-border commuter, residence or permanent residence permit. Swiss citizens must upload a copy</p>	n/a
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<p>of the valid Swiss passport or the valid Swiss identity card.</p> <p>For follow-up applications of an Early Postdoc.Mobility and follow-ups of an Advanced Postdoc.Mobility: No copy is required. The beginning of the Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowship must start immediately (without a gap) upon expiry of the Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship. Exceptions can be considered if the Advanced Postdoc.Mobility application is submitted at the latest 6 months after the end of the Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship, and the requested Advanced Postdoc.Mobility starts no more than 12 months after the end of the Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship. In these cases, the candidate must be financed by the host institute after the end of the Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship (the institute confirms in a letter the duration of its own financing). In other cases, the situation must be clarified before the submission deadline with the SNSF.</p>	
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### 3.8 Other annexes

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