

Ambizione Energy: Results of the 1st call for proposals (2013)

Summary

The Swiss National Science Foundation's Ambizione Energy Grants are aimed at promoting young scientists in the field of energy research. The scheme is designed to give young researchers who wish to conduct, manage, and lead their own project at a Swiss higher education institution independent access to research funding. Energy research is financed primarily at institutions involved in the setup and operation of inter-university competence centres (Swiss Competence Center for Energy Research, SCCER).

The SNSF received 29 applications in December 2013 in response to the 1st Ambizione Energy call for proposals. After an initial check of the submitted documents, the National Research Council's evaluation commission considered 27 requests. In the first phase of the evaluation process, eight candidates were invited to present their project. During the second phase, the Research Council also consulted experts from outside the SNSF.

Based on the evaluation, the SNSF awarded four Ambizione Energy Grants in May 2014. 15% of candidates were successful (4 out of 27). The grantees will all start their projects in the ETH Domain. Three projects are associated with an SCCER, and 50% of grantees are women (2 women out of a total of 4 candidates).

The next call for proposals is scheduled for mid-August 2014 and the submission deadline is 14 November 2014.

Evaluation

Ambizione Energy 2013-2014: Grants according to host institution

	Total	Women	Men
EPF Lausanne	2	1	1
ETH Zürich	1	1	0
Eidg. Forschungsanstalt WSL	1	0	1
Total	4	2	2

Ambizione 2013-2014: Grants according to association with an SCCER

	Total	Women	Men
SCCER	3	1	2
No SCCER	1	1	0
Total	4	2	2

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