

Confirmation of the higher education institution or research institution

Switzerland is currently considered a non-associated third country for participation in Horizon Europe and other related programmes. For monobeneficiary schemes such as most ERC grants, researchers, who aim to carry out a project at a Swiss research institutions are not eligible to apply. To remedy this situation, the SNSF has been mandated by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) to offer an alternative, comparable call for proposals as part of its broader transitional measures in 2022-2024: the SNSF Starting Grants 2024. This is an integrative call which, in addition to the transitional measure for the 2024 ERC Starting Grant, also covers the SNSF's schemes at the highest level of career funding, Eccellenza and PRIMA.

With an SNSF Starting Grant, grantees will lead an independent research project and direct a team of researchers in Switzerland. Applicants can request a budget of up to CHF 1.8 million for a period of five years.

The written confirmation of the higher education institution or research institution has to be submitted with the application:

Applicants can submit an SNSF Starting Grant independently of their academic position.

For higher education institutions **that offer assistant professorships**, at least a position and title of assistant professor is required for the duration of the grant.

For research institutions that **do not offer assistant professor positions** and titles, a position involving independent project and management responsibility ("group leader" or equivalent) is required for the duration of the grant.

The confirmation must follow the text template provided below and be written using the official letterhead of the higher education institution or research institution. They will only be regarded as complete if all the points relevant to the application are addressed.

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The **[name of the higher education institution or research institution]** supports the application of **[name applicant]** for an SNSF Starting Grant. It warrants the necessary conditions to conduct the research project **[project title]** pursuant to the SNSF Starting Grants Call Document (cf. box 1, paragraph 1.3 and 1.4).

Please tick one box for each of the following points and specify if necessary:

1. What position will the applicant have at the higher education institution in adherence to the conditions specified under article 1.3 of the SNSF Starting Grants Call Document 2024?

- Assistant Professor (at least)
- Group Leader or equivalent

2. Please specify the applicant's conditions of employment according to article 1.4 of the SNSF Starting Grants Call Document 2024.

- The full salary is requested by the applicant and will be covered by the SNSF Starting Grant.
- Part of the salary is requested by the applicant and thus will be covered partially by the SNSF Starting Grant.

The remaining salary to meet the minimal employment in full-time equivalents will be covered by **[please specify]**.

- The applicant has a fully paid position at the higher education institution or research institution and their salary will not be covered by the SNSF Starting Grant.

3. Will the higher education institution guarantee the recipient of the SNSF Starting Grant the right to supervise dissertations (in the case of a higher education institution that awards doctoral degrees)?

- Yes
- No

[Only include the next paragraph, if the applicant does not have the right to supervise dissertations]

*If the applicant will not have the right to supervise dissertations and requests PhD position(s), the official supervisor of the doctoral thesis at the **[higher education institution]** will be **[name]**. For the requested PhD position(s) the due completion of the doctoral thesis is guaranteed on expiry of the grant or in the event of the project being prematurely abandoned (including required financing).*

Vice-Rectorate Research or equivalent

Name and Function

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Email and Signature of legal representative

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