



CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RESEARCH VISITS FROM SWITZERLAND TO UK (1.2.2022 – 8.4.2022)

Matt Kimmich

1 February 2022

Introduction

The Swiss National Science Foundation (**SNSF**) and UK Research and Innovation (**UKRI**) **increase their international collaboration opportunities** between research communities in both countries. Beyond the support of joint research projects in the humanities and social sciences with the International Co-Investigator Scheme, the SNSF and UKRI each run a call for proposals to support research visits between Switzerland and the UK.

The **SNSF call for visits to the UK**, which is open from 1.2.2022 to 8.4.2022, is **closely modelled on the funding scheme Scientific Exchanges**, with some **key differences**, which the [call document](#) outlines. Unless stated differently, the [regulations for the Scientific Exchanges](#) apply.

For visits from the UK to Switzerland, check [the UKRI website](#). The UKRI call is open from 14.1.2022 to 8.3.2022.

Research visits from Switzerland to UK: key information concerning the call

- This call supports research visits by individual Swiss researchers to partners in the UK, the purpose of which is **collaborative research that benefits both partners**
- Research visits must address **a research question in one of the following four areas:**
 1. Synthetic Biology
 2. Languages
 3. Materials
 4. Life and Physical Sciences interface
- The research visits must be **between one month and 12 months in length** (regular Scientific Exchanges can be up to six months long). Applicants must be **employed at least 20% and receive a salary at a Swiss research institution** for the duration of the visit and no less than six months following the visit.
- The research visits can start at any point between 1 August 2022 and 1 October 2023
- The research visits cannot overlap thematically with other SNSF-funded research during the same period

Research visits from Switzerland to UK: how to apply & eligible costs

- **Proposals must be submitted to the Scientific Exchanges funding scheme**, which can be found on *mySNF* under *Science Communication* → *Scientific Exchanges 2022*
- Applications should note on *mySNF* in the data container «General remarks on the project» that their proposal is a submission to this call for proposals (rather than a general Scientific Exchanges submission)
- The data container «Other applicants» is to be left empty for the purpose of this call. It is not to be used for the UK partner.
- The grant budget includes **travel costs** for one return trip of up to CHF500 and a monthly flat rate for **living expenses** of up to CHF3'000, for a maximum of CHF36'500
- **Costs for accompanying children** (as defined in the Scientific Exchanges guidelines) can be requested in addition
- **Research costs** (e.g. for materials or access to infrastructures) **are not eligible**

Research visits from Switzerland to UK: important to note

- Funding decisions will be made and communicated within three months of the call deadline
- If a planned visit has to be postponed due to external circumstances, this should be communicated to the SNSF at the earliest time possible – including during the submission or evaluation period
- Proposals for regular Scientific Exchanges with the UK that do not fall within the four thematic areas listed above can be submitted at any time according to the Scientific Exchanges regulations.

If you have any questions concerning the call for proposals, please contact:

Matt Kimmich

matt.kimmich@snf.ch oder scientific.exchanges@snf.ch

+41 31 308 22 44