

NFRF call 2026: International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges

Closing date for parallel application to the SNSF on mySNF: 4 November 2026 17:00 (Swiss time)

Do note that the full application to NFRF on the Convergence Portal has to be submitted on 3 November!

1 Introduction

The International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges, a call organised as part of the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) programme, seeks to support collaborative projects. The first phase of the call asking for Notices of Intent (NOI) to be submitted to NFRF concluded on 3 March; the second phase calling for Letters of Intent (LOI) concluded on 9 June.

The SNSF has committed CHF 3'000'000 to this funding opportunity. Swiss co-PIs can request up to CHF500'000 to fund the Swiss part of the project (potentially including project partners and contractors outside Switzerland).

[Information on the NFRF call can be accessed here.](#)

2 Deadline for submission of applications

NFRF will only invite select consortia, after the evaluation of the LOIs, to submit a full application after the evaluation of the LOIs.

The full application must be submitted by the Canadian co-PI on the Convergence Portal, and it is that submission which will be evaluated. In parallel, the SNSF requires a submission on mySNF, and consortia that include Swiss co-PIs but have not submitted such a parallel application on mySNF may not be eligible for funding. **Please note that the SNSF submission has a different deadline from the NFRF submission, namely 17:00 on 4 November (Swiss time).**

Applicants will be notified of the results of the evaluation and the funding decisions in March 2027. Funded projects can start by March 2027.

3 Eligibility

Any Swiss co-PI must meet the eligibility criteria of the SNSF. The SNSF [Funding Regulations](#), the [General implementation regulations](#) and the [Regulations on Project Funding](#) are applicable mutatis mutandis where not stated otherwise.

An exception to this are the limitations on the number of applications and grants per applicant that have been implemented in Project Funding: the NFRF call is not affected by these. Applicants can submit a proposal to the call regardless of other SNSF grants they hold, **provided that there is no substantial thematic overlap**. Also, grantees of the NFRF call may submit proposals to all SNSF funding schemes during the funding period of their research project, again **provided that there is no substantial thematic overlap**.

4 Guidance for *mySNF* submission

Only consortia who have previously submitted a LOI are eligible to submit a full application.

The application form can be found on *mySNF* (i.e. not the SNF Portal) in the category *Programmes (national and international) → Horizon Europe Complementary Measures → NFRF Harnessing Disruptive Technologies: Full Application*.

The purpose of the parallel application on *mySNF* is to allow for a final eligibility check. At this stage the eligibility check extends to the requested funding, i.e. this submission must include a detailed budget of the foreseen costs on the Swiss side that adheres to the rules of the SNSF's project funding.

Please complete all data containers listed on *mySNF*. In the following, guidance is given on the data containers where the requirements differ from other SNSF funding schemes or additional information is necessary.

1.1 Responsible applicant

→ **This role is referred to by NFRF as “Co-PI”**. The NFRF role of “co-applicant” does not correspond to SNSF applicants; for these, check *1.4 Project partners*. Applications are only eligible for SNSF funding if they include a Swiss co-PI.

→ If the responsible Swiss co-PI needs to be changed from what has been entered in the LOI submission to *mySNF*, please contact international@snf.ch well before the deadline in November.

1.2 Other Swiss applicants

→ If a consortium includes more than one Swiss co-PI, any additional Swiss co-PIs must be entered here. **The NFRF role of “co-applicant” does not correspond to SNSF applicants**; for these, check *1.4 Project partners*.

1.3 Consortium partners

→ **Enter all the co-PIs from other countries here**. Please note that we do not require all information for each co-PI from outside Switzerland, only their name, institution and country must be entered correctly. You may enter dummy values for all other fields marked as mandatory.

1.4 Project partners

→ **The role referred to by NFRF as “co-applicant” corresponds to the SNSF role of project partner.** Project partners must fulfil the same criteria as in the SNSF’s project funding and can, in total, request up to 20% of the overall Swiss budget.

2.4 Link to other SNSF projects

→ Please note that you also need to list applications that you have submitted but that have not yet been approved or rejected by the SNSF.

2.7 International co-operation

→ Please list all research groups (or individual researchers, if they are not part of a group) outside Switzerland that are to be involved in the project, including those of the co-PIs and co-applicants outside Switzerland.

2.8 Requested funding

→ Please note that, in sum, up to 20% of the overall Swiss budget can be assigned to project partners (which in the NFRF submission may be referred to as “Co-applicant”) and subcontractors. The usual eligibility rules apply. Project partners and subcontractors outside Switzerland in countries taking part in the NFRF call are not eligible for any funding from the SNSF.

→ Also note that since budget items mentioned in the LOI submitted on mySNF have not been checked, some such items may not be considered eligible; in these cases the SNSF will request a revision.

3.1 Research plan

→ Please upload the full research plan submitted to NFRF here.

3.2 CV and major achievements

→ Please note that the CVs for the Swiss co-PIs must conform to the SNSF CV format. You can find all relevant information [here](#). CVs for other consortium members, whether within or outside Switzerland, are not required.

3.3 Other annexes

→ Here you can add other documents that are relevant e.g. to the eligibility of one of the Swiss applicants, such as confirmations of employment. Please include these even if they were already included in the LOI.

Once all these data containers have been completed, do not forget to submit the application!

5 Contact

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