

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

Letter of Intent closing date: 9 June 2026 17:00 (Swiss time)

Full application closing date: 4 November 2026 17:00 (Swiss time)

Do note that the full application to NFRF 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 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

Letters of Intent (LOI) must be submitted to NFRF. Only a simplified application to SNSF is required at this stage. Please note that the SNSF submission has a different deadline from the NFRF submission, namely 17:00 (Swiss time).

Applicants will be notified of the outcomes of the LOI evaluation in August 2026, following which full applications will be solicited, with a deadline of 3 November 2026. 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

Submissions to the call allow for one co-PI per country. 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 *my*SNSF submission

As noted above, the purpose of the application on *my*SNSF is to allow for an eligibility check. The complete LOI is submitted to NFRF.

The application form can be found on *my*SNSF in the category *Programmes (national and international) → Horizon Europe Complementary Measures → NFRF Harnessing Disruptive Technologies: LOI.*

The data containers that need to be completed at this stage of the application are as follows. Notes are given where the requirements differ from other SNSF funding schemes.

1.1 Responsible applicant

→ Please note that this refers to the main Swiss applicant. **The role is referred to by NFRF as “Co-PI”; the NFRF role of “co-applicant” does not correspond to SNSF applicants.** Applications are only eligible for SNSF funding if they include a Swiss co-PI.

1.2 Other Swiss applicants

→ Please note that this refers to any additional Swiss applicants. **This is also the role referred to by NFRF as “Co-PI” (of which there can be several); the NFRF role of “co-applicant” does not correspond to SNSF applicants.**

1.3 Applicants' employment

2.1 Basic data I

2.2 Basic data II

2.3 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.

2.3 University or research institution

2.4 Further requested and available funds (not from the SNSF)

2.5 Requested funding

→ Please note that at the LOI stage, only the **overall planned cost related to the Swiss component of the project** is needed. This should be assigned to the category “Additional project costs (incl. consumables)” and does not need to be divided into the individual project years but can simply be entered for the first year. A detailed budget will only be required at the full application stage.

2.6 University or research institution

2.7 Additional remarks

3.1 CV and major achievements

→ Please note that the CV for the Swiss applicant must conform to the SNSF CV format: You can find all relevant information [here](#).

3.2 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.

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

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