

Practice-to-Science 2023-2024: results of the 3rd call for proposals

The SNSF launched the Practice-to-Science scheme as a pilot project with the aim of enhancing competitiveness in use-inspired research. Practice-to-Science grants are aimed at qualified experts with proven practical experience who wish to return to a university of applied sciences or a university of teacher education as professors. These time-limited positions offer the opportunity of obtaining higher qualifications or a permanent position.

In October 2023, 73 proposals were submitted during the third call for Practice-to-Science: 31 in the humanities and social sciences (HSS); 32 in mathematics, engineering, natural sciences and technology (MINT); and 10 in life sciences (LS). In the second phase, 33 proposals were selected. The candidates were invited to present their projects at an interview.

In June 2024, the SNSF awarded 20 Practice-to-Science grants (HSS: 10; MINT: 5; LS: 5). The grantees are to begin work at eight Swiss host institutions. With 9 grants awarded to women (45%), the target of 35% female grantees has been easily met.

From 2025, the SNSF will refocus its portfolio of funding schemes to concentrate on supporting research projects and postdoctoral careers. Consequently, no new calls for Practice-to-Science proposals are planned, but the SNSF will continue to reflect on the best way of supporting careers at UASs and UTEs, taking into account the results obtained during this pilot phase.

Assessment results

Call for Practice-to-Science proposals 2023-2024

	Proposals submitted	Successful proposals in phase 2	Grants awarded
SSH	31	16	10
MINT	32	11	5
LS	10	6	5
Total	73	33	20

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