

Mission Statement



SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION



Knowledge
is the key
to the future.

Research creates
knowledge.

Our ambition

We invest in researchers and their ideas.
We promote and disseminate research,
creating knowledge that is valuable to society,
the economy and politics.



Our mission

“The SNSF promotes scientific research
in Switzerland. It promotes the international
competitiveness and integration of this research
as well as its capacity to solve problems.
It pays particular attention to the promotion
of young researchers.”

Statutes

Our values

Quality.

We promote scientific excellence. We also expect our own performance to be of a high standard.

Independence.

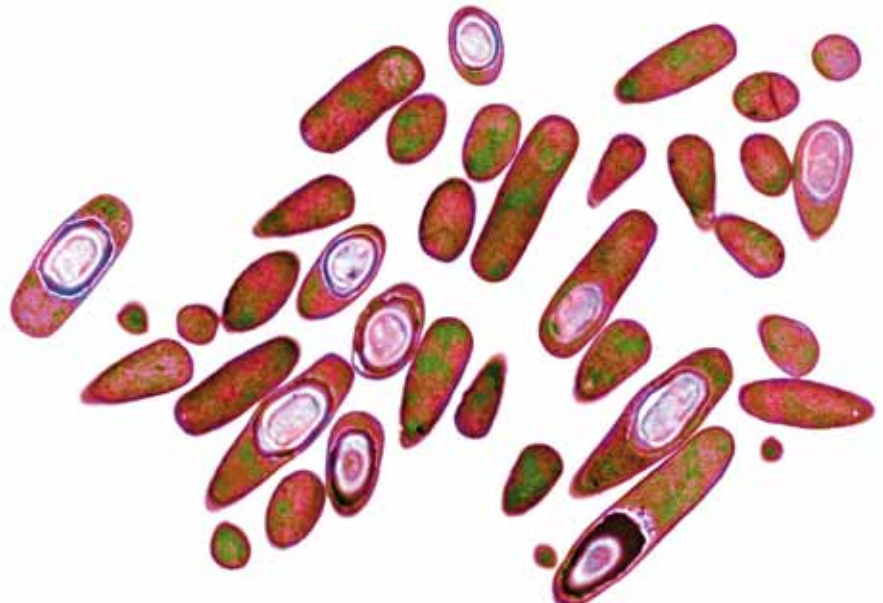
We operate autonomously and evaluate impartially.

Responsibility.

We are a reliable partner. We fulfil our tasks judiciously and always act ethically.

Fairness.

Our decisions are well-founded and we respect equal opportunities.



Our commitment to researchers

We fund projects in all disciplines.

Our evaluation procedure is competitive and transparent. The quality of the research is our central criterion.

Researchers from all over the world review proposals based on international standards.

Clear and straightforward procedures are important. We aim to minimise administrative tasks.

We learn from our experiences and adapt to the ever changing landscape of research.

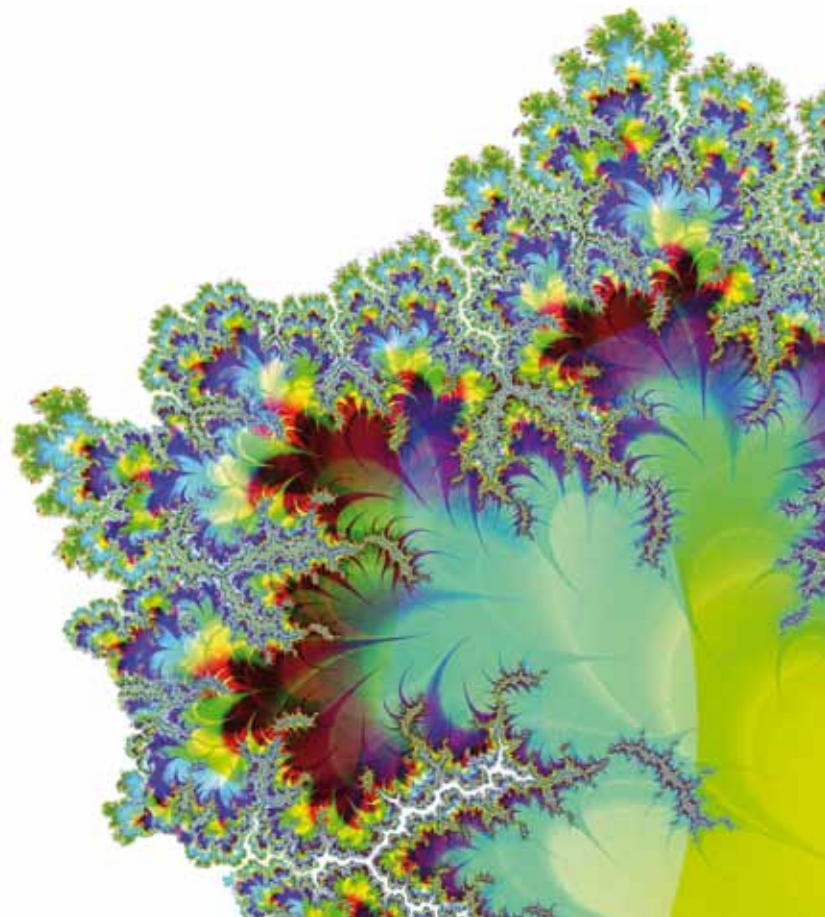
Switzerland should offer an excellent research environment. We are dedicated, in particular, to promoting young researchers and to gender equality.

Our commitment to political authorities

We pursue a long-term strategy for promoting research in Switzerland and are dedicated to advancing its international integration. This consolidates the leading position of Swiss research in the global arena.

On behalf of the Swiss Confederation, we contribute to the solution of important current problems through research programmes and centres of competence.

We are committed to spending public funds responsibly. We ensure that our organisation is efficient, transparent and goal-oriented.

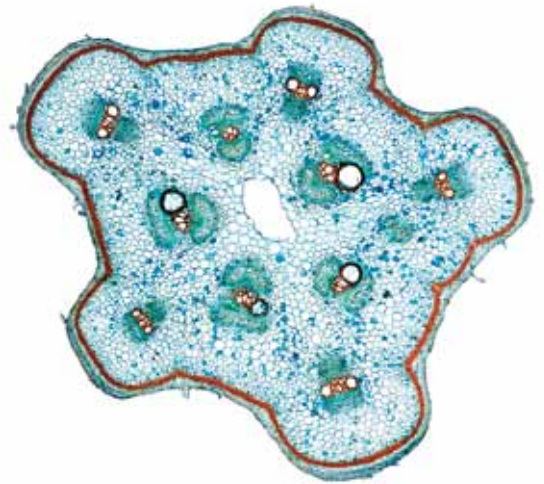


Our commitment to the public

Our work promotes the spread of knowledge in society.

We ensure access to research results and communicate them to the public.

We show how research contributes to social progress, economic growth and a high quality of life. We encourage public debate on the opportunities and limitations of science.



Our commitment to our academic partners

We communicate openly with our partners.
We coordinate our activities with universities,
academies and the Commission for Techno-
logy and Innovation.

Together we work towards the advancement
of Swiss research.

We cooperate with our partners abroad to
facilitate cross-border research activities and
to play a part in shaping the international
research environment.



Our commitment to employees

We strive to be an attractive employer.

We pursue a fair personnel policy. Our organisational management is unambiguous and transparent.

Our employees benefit from modern working conditions. We seek to provide a motivating working environment.

We offer professional opportunities regardless of gender, language, background, age and health.

Our everyday work is guided by our values.

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(Keystone and others)

