

Annex 13: Sample employment contract

Clauses 7.1, 7.2 and 7.7 General implementation regulations for the
Funding Regulations; version of 19 April 2024

Employment Contract

between

Name of employer (cf. Article 38 of the Funding Regulations)

and

(Name of the employee)

1 Employment

The employee is employed within the scope of SNSF Grant No. _____
for the research project

(Title of the research project)

in the capacity of: ☐ postdoc
☐ doctoral student
☐ other employee

The employment relationship shall start on _____ (starting date)

It is – limited until _____ (ending date)

– unlimited (delete as appropriate)

The place of work is _____.

Line manager: _____

(Name of the responsible grantee)

2 Job description

The job description is attached to the employment contract.

3 Work-time percentage

This position is for _____% full-time equivalent, with average weekly working time of _____ hours.

Work that extends beyond the working hours agreed with the employee shall be considered as over-time and shall normally be compensated by the granting of time off in lieu.

Extract from the General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations (Clause 7.3 / doctoral students):

The work-time percentage of the doctoral students is defined by the employer. It must generally be appropriate to the task of completing a dissertation within a period of four years. This is based on the presumption that 80-100% of a full-time equivalent position (FTE) is devoted to a dissertation.

4 Holidays

The holiday entitlement shall amount to _____ weeks per year (Article 329a Swiss Code of Obligations).

5 Salary

The gross salary shall amount to CHF _____ per year, based on salary class _____.

The statutory, contractual or regulatory social security contributions AHV/IV/EO/ALV/BU/NBU and pension contributions shall be deducted from the gross salary.

Extract from Annex 12 to the General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations:

The SNSF salary ranges are as follows (minimum gross annual salary excluding employer's social security contributions):

a) for doctoral students CHF 47,040 to 55,000¹

b) for postdocs CHF 80,000 to 110'000.-²

1 Amended by the decision of the Presiding Board of the Research Council of 19 April 2024, with retroactive effect as of 1.1.2024.

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c) for other employees

minimum: CHF 40,000; maximum: acc. to
salary ranges of the institution

The SNSF reserves the right to lower disproportionately high salary ranges for other employees in force at the institutions.

6 Payment of salary in the case of illness/accident/maternity/occupational pension

The employment law that is binding on the employer shall apply subsidiarily to the provisions of the Code of Obligations.

7 Protection of privacy

The employer shall not tolerate sexual harassment, discrimination or any other infringements of a person's rights at the workplace. In the event of any corresponding breaches, the employer shall afford the affected employee effective assistance and shall take the necessary punitive measures. See also: Clause 7.1 letter b of the General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations.

8 Intellectual property

Ownership of the research result produced in the context of the research project referred to under Clause 1 is based on the provisions adopted to this effect by the employer.

The grantees are obliged to reach agreement with their employer on the rights to the research results by no later than the date on which the research work funded by the SNSF is concluded. The grantees will grant those who have collaborated on the scientific work the corresponding codetermination rights and author's rights.

9 Termination

The first three (3) months of employment shall constitute a probationary period during which either party may give notice in writing seven (7) days prior to the end of the working week to terminate the employment contract. After the probation period has been completed, either party may terminate the employment agreement subject to giving the following periods of notice to the end of a month.

Employment duration up to one (1) year	1 month
Employment duration between one (1) and three (3) years	2 months
Employment duration longer than three (3) years	3 months

Notice of termination shall be given in writing.

Either party may terminate the employment relationship with immediate effect for good cause (Article 337 of the Code of Obligations).

Article 336 et seq. of the Code of Obligations on wrongful termination and termination at an inopportune juncture (pregnancy/maternity, illness, accident, compulsory military or civil defence, etc.) shall remain unaffected.

10 Jurisdiction

Except where provision is made in this contract to the contrary, the provisions of the employment law binding on the employer as well as the Code of Obligations also apply.

This contract shall be prepared in three original copies. The employee, employer and line manager shall each receive one fully signed copy.

Place and date: _____

Employer: _____
(Name and signature)

Employee: _____
(Name and signature)

Line manager: _____
(Name and signature)

Enclosures

Job description

Employment law binding on the employer

Pension fund regulations