



# PROJECTS ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

23 November 2022

Call for proposals 2023 for researchers at Universities of Applied Sciences and at Universities of Teacher Education

# Agenda

**Part 1: Formal aspects of the call and submission**

**Part 2: Writing a project proposal: Tips**

**Part 3: Scientific evaluation**

**Part 4: Questions (will not be recorded)**



# Call “Projects on Health and Wellbeing”

## Who is addressed?

- Researchers at UAS and UTE whose research focuses on aspects of health or wellbeing

## Which conditions are applied?

- Call is part of the SNSF funding scheme ‘Project funding’
- Project funding regulations are decisive

## Which deadlines do you have to consider?

- 15 January 2023: deadline for pre-registration by e-mail
- 1 May 2023 at 17.00: deadline for submission



# Project funding conditions

## General conditions

- **Research topic** of project are **freely selectable** by the applicant
- Research projects have **no commercial goals** and are distinguished by **research freedom** and **freedom of publication**
- **Individuals** or **research teams** can apply
- Project duration: **12 to 48 months**
- **Costs covered by grant:** personnel, consumables, travel, small non-standard equipment
- **Salary of applicants and project partners are not covered**
- No fixed maximum amount of grants; min. amount CHF 50'000. All costs must be justified.

# General eligibility requirements

## Employment

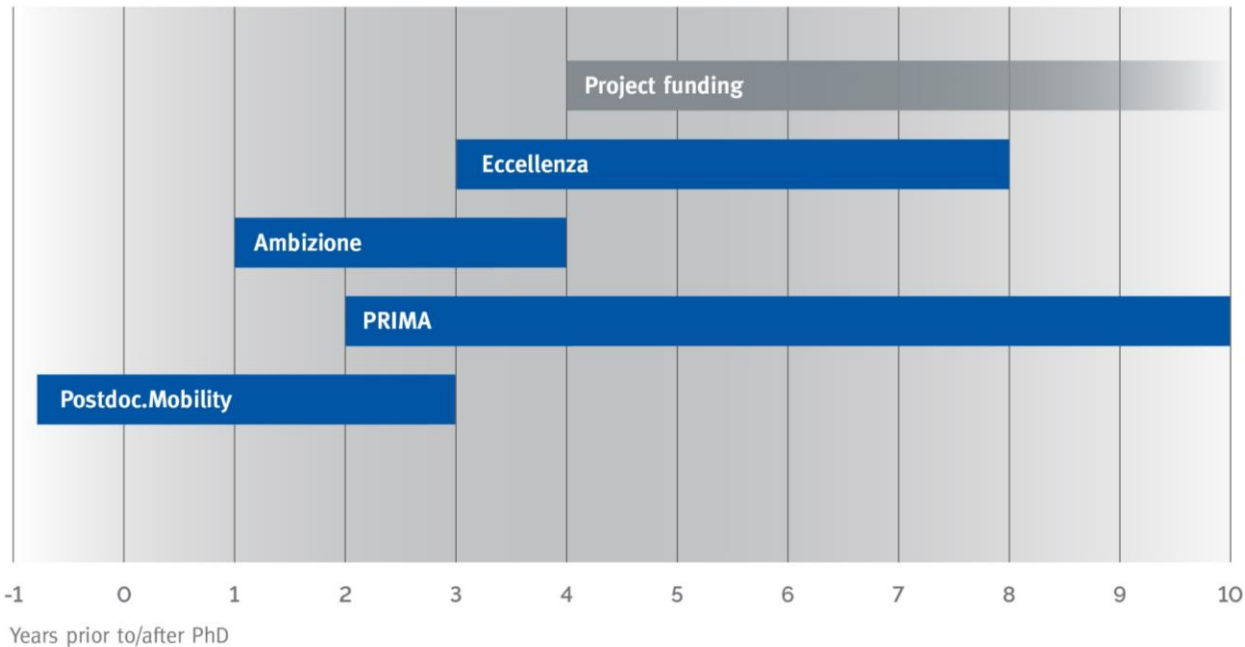
- **Employed at least 50%** at a Swiss UAS or UTE
- **Employment** must be guaranteed **over the whole duration of the project**

## Additional requirements

- ORCID iD for establishing the curriculum vitae
- Submission of a DMP (data management plan)

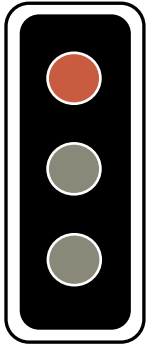
# Eligibility requirements for project funding

- Researchers with **at least 4 years' experience after doctorate/or an independent research position** with an **employment for the duration of the project\***



*\*Exceptions possible for young researchers*

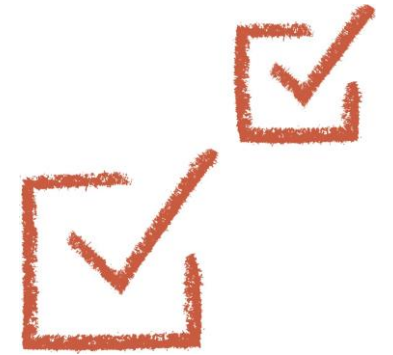
# Eligibility requirements for project funding



## **Not eligible**

- Employees financed by SNSF grants
- Ambizione/PRIMA applicants and grantees
- Eccellenza grantees in the first 2 years of the Eccellenza grant

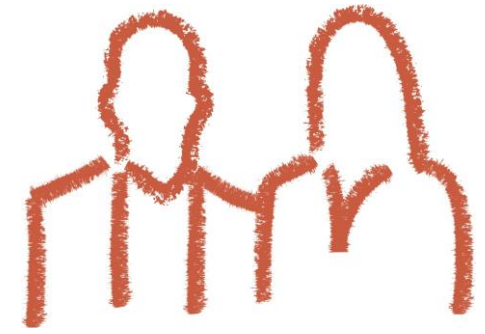
# Grant conditions in project funding



- **One grant** per funding period
- **Second grant possible** if overlapping research projects have **clearly different topics, aims, objects of study and research questions** and if applicants can show that they will make a **substantial contribution**
- **Project submission** limited to **one per submission deadline**
- **Two or more applicants** possible if **essential** for successful completion of project and if **each bears responsibility and makes a major contribution**
- **No Lead Agency** and **Weave projects** within this call
- **Sinergia, Horizon Europe transitional measures, Quantum** and **ERA-Net projects** are separate programmes. They don't count in the maximal limit (but there should be no clear thematic overlap)



# Project partners & Subcontracting



**Project partner:** makes a scientific contribution; at a public, private or commercial research institution/company in CH or abroad under the condition that the contribution does not result in a direct monetary benefit for the employer



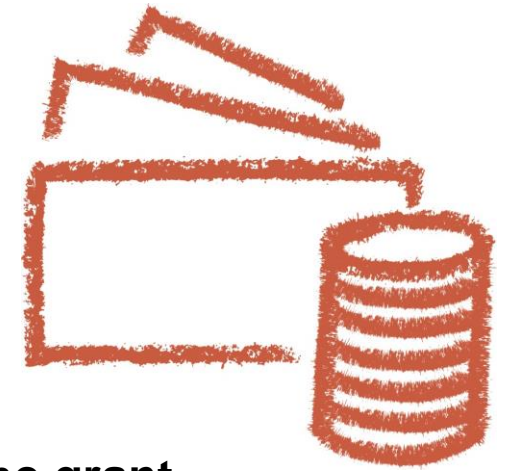
- **Salaries of the project partners are not eligible** for funding
- Project partners might **employ personnel**

**Subcontracting:** buy-in of services, often from companies



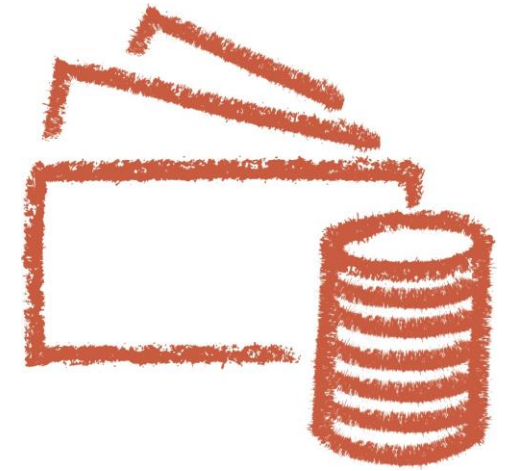
Costs for project partners and subcontracting: count together for **max. 20% of total requested Swiss funds**


# Grants in the form of global budgets



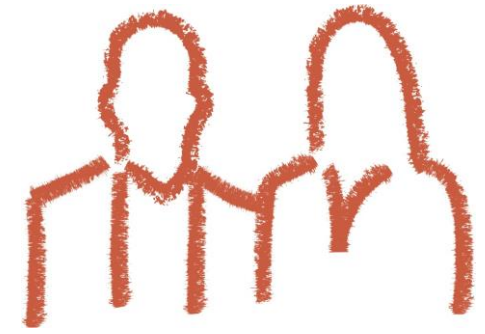
- Global budgets are the **rule**, paid out in annual instalments, **under responsibility of the grant holder(s)**
- Grant holders **can dispose freely of the budget** within the framework of the applicable regulations, the approved research plan and goals
- In **exceptional** cases, cost categories or **budget items are defined** by the SNSF
- In any case, **changes to the project design** that will result in major deviations from the research plan and goals **must be submitted to the SNSF for approval**

# Eligible costs: categories



- Personnel (salaries and social security; not the PI)
- Conferences and workshops
- Collaboration costs (national & international); travel
-  – Material of enduring value, equipment if not standard (new R'Equip rules apply: SNSF pays up to 100k CHF)
- Costs of enabling access to scientific open research data
- Third-party expenses (project partners, subcontracting)
- Direct costs for using infrastructures, computing time and data
- Costs of career measures (i.e. flexibility grants, mobility grants, gender equality grants)
- Costs of scientific **open access publications**: no longer part of eligible costs in applications; to be requested via [OA platform](https://snsf.chronoshub.io/) (ChronosHub: <https://snsf.chronoshub.io/>)

# Employee categories of the SNSF



- **Doctoral students**
- **Postdocs** (max 5 years after PhD thesis)
- **Other employees** – these include:
  - Employees with degree, who do not want to do a doctorate
  - Employees with a doctorate who do not plan to acquire further academic qualifications in the context of the employment in question
  - Technicians
  - Auxiliary staff
  - Employees of project partners

# Preparing a project proposal

All relevant information can be found on the SNSF website and on mySNF

- Call document
- Regulations on project funding
- Funding regulations
- General implementation regulations
- [Website](#), FAQs

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## Projects on health and wellbeing



**For researchers at universities of applied sciences and universities of teacher education: the SNSF will fund projects in the area of health and wellbeing for a limited period. CHF 15 million is available for the first year.**

**Submission deadline:**

01.05.2023

**Contact**

Section: Projects

E-Mail: [health@snf.ch](mailto:health@snf.ch)



Submission deadline: 01.05.2023

Important: pre-register by 15 January 2023 via [health@snf.ch](mailto:health@snf.ch).

# Pre-registration

**You must pre-register your application by 15 January 2023 via [health@snf.ch](mailto:health@snf.ch).**

**Please provide following information:**

- Name of applicants
- Institution
- (Project partners)
- Discipline(s)
- Summary (max. 1 page)
- 5-10 key words

# How to submit an application?

## Important facts in a nutshell:

- Submission: via [www.mySNF.ch](http://www.mySNF.ch)
- Evaluation:
  1. Formal
  2. Peer review
  3. Selection by National Research Council / evaluation panel in a competitive procedure
- Decision: about 6 months after submission

- The call opens on 1 February 2023.
- The submission deadline is on 1 May 2023 at 5 pm.
- The submission must be done via the mySNF platform by generating a new application in the funding scheme “Health research and Wellbeing at UAS and UTE”.

### 2. Application data

#	No./Title	Status
2.1	Basic data I	In preparation
2.6	<a href="#">Link to other SNSF projects</a>	In preparation
2.7	<a href="#">Further requested and available funds (not from the SNSF)</a>	In preparation
2.8	<a href="#">University or research institution</a>	In preparation
2.9	<a href="#">Requested funding</a>	In preparation
2.10	<a href="#">Data management plan (DMP)</a>	In preparation
2.11	<a href="#">Research requiring authorisation or notification</a>	In preparation
2.12	<a href="#">Exclusion of external reviewers</a>	In preparation
2.13	<a href="#">General remarks on the project</a>	In preparation

- The requirements for the research plan can be found in the call document.
- The language of the application must be English.

### 3. Annexed documents (upload)

#	No./Title	Status
3.1	Research plan	In preparation
3.2	CV and research output list	In preparation
3.3	Quotes	In preparation
3.4	Cover letter	In preparation
3.5	Official certificates	In preparation
3.6	Lead Agency and other agreements	In preparation
3.7	Other annexes	In preparation
3.8	Administrative part of the application	In preparation

[Submit grant application](#)

# Compilation of the CV

## The new CV format

- Academic age
- Education
- Employments
- Up to 3 achievements, with max 10 outputs
- ORCID account

In order to comply with the DORA principles, the SNSF defined a new structure for the CV and requests a standardised set of information from all applicants. **Specifically, applicants will have to compile their CV according to a new template on the SNSF Portal and subsequently upload a PDF in the data container “CV and major achievements”.**

The portal can be accessed under [portal.snf.ch](https://portal.snf.ch).



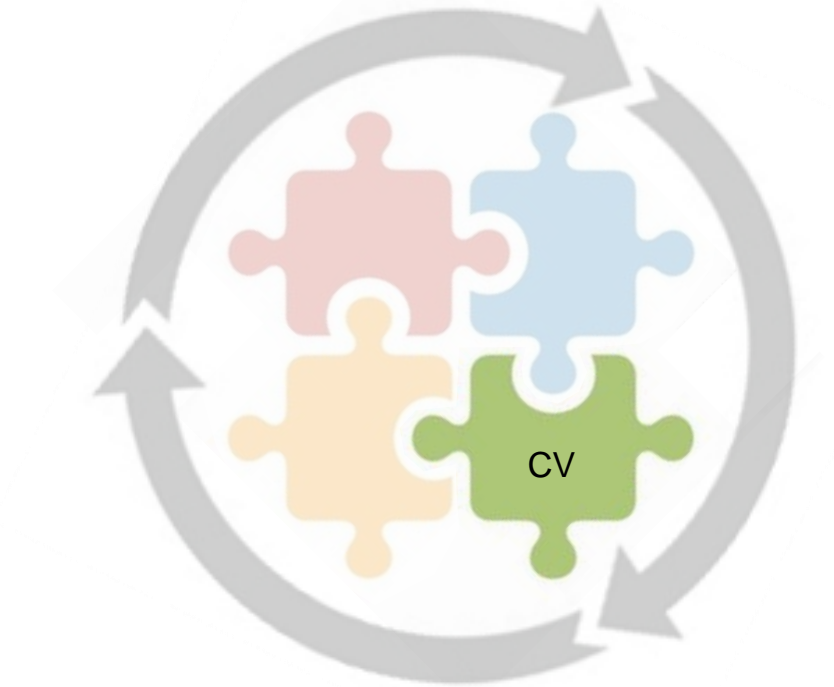
# New CV – Motivation, Reason

## – Relevant criteria for the award of research grants

- The scientific quality of the proposed project
  - scientific relevance
  - topicality and originality,
  - suitability of methods,
  - feasibility
- The scientific qualifications of the researcher
  - scientific track record
  - ability to carry out the research project

(SNSF [funding regulations](#); Art. 24)

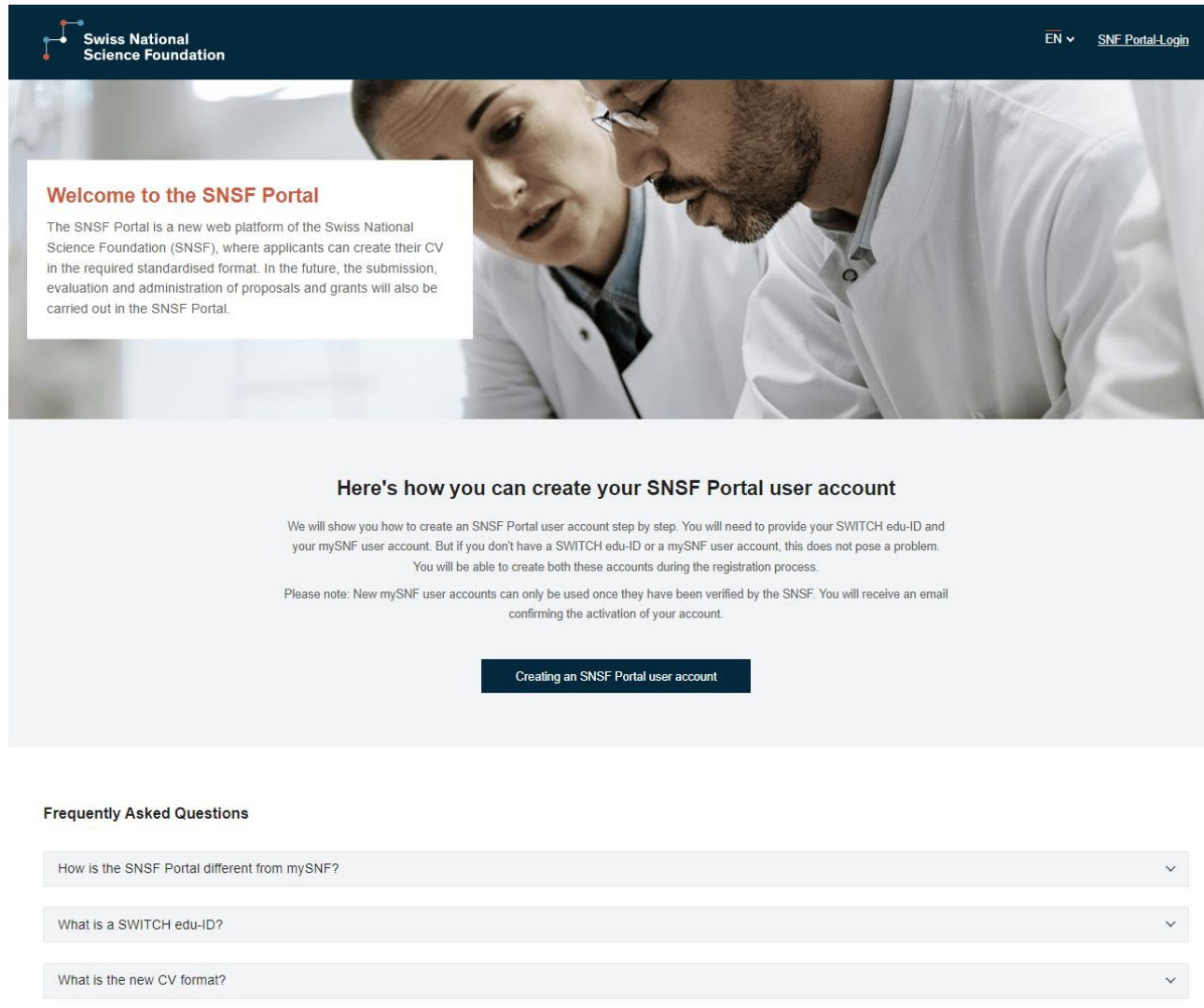
## Evaluation



# New CV – most important changes

	new CV	old CV
<b>Quality over quantity</b>	Applicants describe their achievements (e.g. publications, books, teaching, prizes, etc.) and their overall impact. Context allows evaluators to assess the abilities/qualities as a researcher.	No context provided. Hence, evaluation of applicants' actual contribution limited and focused on quantitative information.
<b>Timeframe</b>	Selected works from entire career	Works from the last five years
<b>Number of works</b>	Selection of up to 10 works in the CV	Complete publication list
<b>Academic Age</b>	Introduced in all funding schemes possibility of voluntary deduction of 18 months per child for mothers	Limited to career funding


# New CV – Generation, SNSF Portal





The screenshot shows the SNSF Portal website. At the top left is the SNSF logo and name. At the top right are language options (EN) and a link to 'SNF Portal-Login'. The main content area features a large image of two scientists in lab coats. Below the image is a white box with the heading 'Welcome to the SNSF Portal' and a paragraph explaining the portal's purpose. Below this is a section titled 'Here's how you can create your SNSF Portal user account' with detailed instructions and a 'Creating an SNSF Portal user account' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section with three expandable questions: 'How is the SNSF Portal different from mySNF?', 'What is a SWITCH edu-ID?', and 'What is the new CV format?'.

- The new CV format is available on <https://portal.snf.ch>
- The following IDs and Credentials are required to Login to SNSF Portal
  - **SWITCH edu-ID:** your ID to reach the portal, widespread use at Swiss higher education institutions
  - **mySNF Account:** necessary for correct data processing
  - **ORCID iD:** required for the new CV, works/publications can be imported from ORCID
- Login: guide available on the [SNSF Website](#)






# New CV – Generation





Swiss National  
Science Foundation

EN  

## CV


-  **Basic data**
-  Academic age
-  Education / qualifications
-  Employment
-  Major achievements

 Download CV

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### Introduction



Aim - In order to improve the evaluation of CVs, the SNSF introduced a new, standardised CV format. In the new format, researchers compile their CV in a structured way and present their most important achievements in brief narratives. The achievements need to be substantiated with references to verifiable supporting evidence such as research outputs or works.

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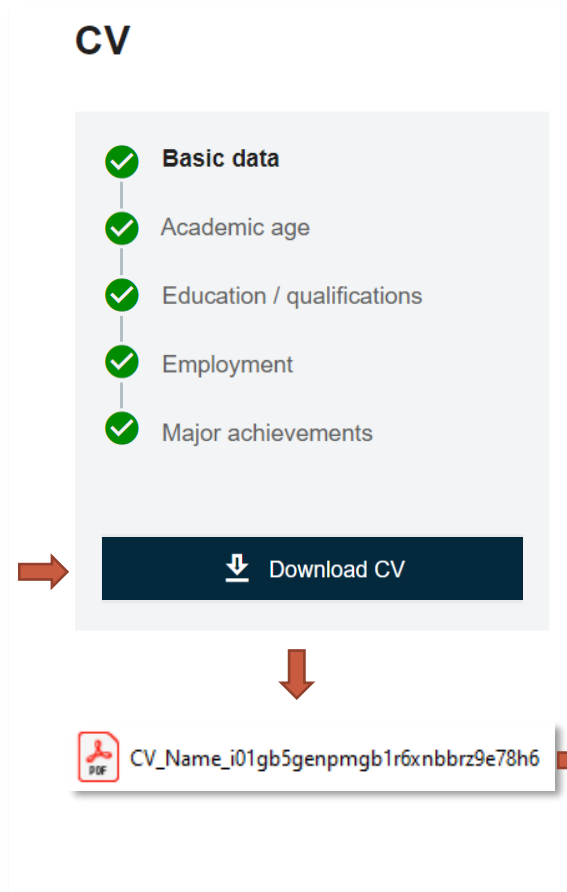
### Basic data

Please note that a personal ORCID identifier is mandatory. It is possible to import works directly from your ORCID record. Your identifier will be visible on your CV and evaluators will have access to your curated list of works on your ORCID record. As your ORCID iD will be shared with evaluators, the SNSF recommends that your most recent and your most important works are visible on your ORCID iD (click [here](#) for more information)

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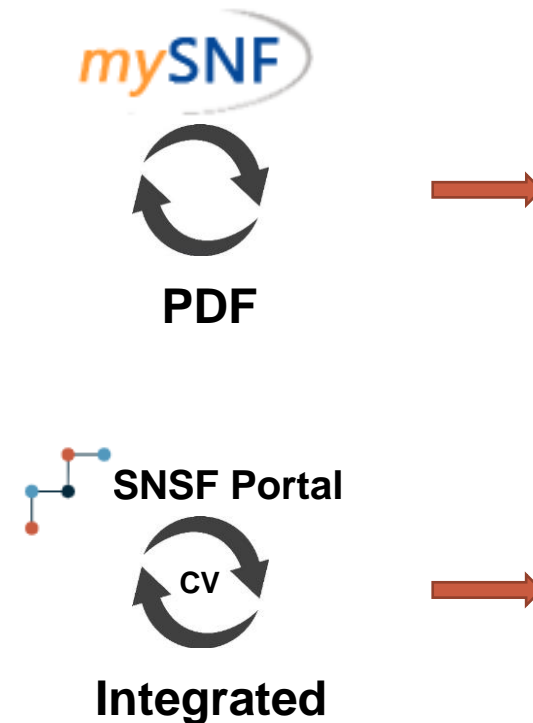
# New CV – Submission

## CV Generation



Check that CV (PDF file) is in order

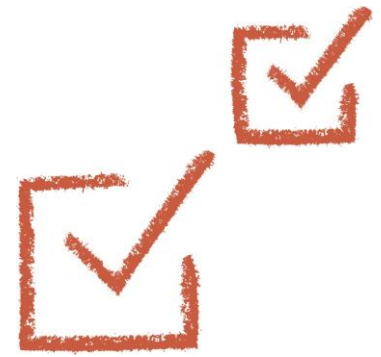
## CV Submission on SNSF platforms



- Project funding, October 3 2022
- Ambizione, November 1 2022
- Sinergia, November 2 2022
- FLARE, November 15 2022

- Depending on implementation (first call in spring 2023, step-by-step integration of other calls)

# Writing a project proposal



## What does a good research plan contain?

- A contextualisation with regard to your own work and the current state of research in the field
  - » Show knowledge of state-of-the-art; cite recent related work in the field
  - » Demonstrate your expertise by outlining what you have done
- A concrete research plan
  - » Is hypothesis driven and contains specific aims/research questions
  - » Understandable for experts in the wider discipline
- A well-structured research plan
  - » Describes methods, risks, alternatives, management
  - » Is specific and sufficiently detailed to allow evaluation based on the evaluation criteria
- Use the number of pages allowed but do not exceed that

# Writing a project proposal

## General remarks

- Start planning your submission early
  - » Deadlines are strict
- Invest enough in preparing all required documents
  - » It is a competitive process
- Question “rumours/myths” you may have heard from third parties
  - » Carefully go through the regulations. If you have questions, contact the SNSF

# Is my project use-inspired?

## Typology of aspects indicating that a project is use-inspired:

- **Aim:** the project aims to produce scientific insights and, at the same time, to solve practical problems
- **Cognitive/Conceptual:** although the project is primarily concerned with basic science, it could help to resolve practical problems or issues
- **Source of the research question:** the question was defined by scientists in collaboration with a user/practitioner community
- **Implementation in the near future:** the project has the potential to be implemented in the near future (e.g. by means of technology transfer)
- **Types of output:** the project will produce academic and non-academic publications
- **Target audience:** the results will be made accessible for a lay public outside academia
- **People involved:** the research team plans to collaborate with practitioners



# Scientific evaluation criteria

## **Proposed project**

- Scientific relevance (including broader impact for use-inspired projects), topicality, originality
- Suitability of methods and feasibility

## **Applicant(s)**

- Scientific track record
- Professional expertise and ability to carry out the proposed project

Evaluation is based on external reviews and the referees' recommendations by the Research Council / the members of the evaluation panel

**SNSF signed DORA: San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment**

# If you are successful...

## **Conditions for the release of funds:**

- The project must start within 12 months after having received decision letter
- If requested to do so, update the DMP
- Write a Lay summary
- Request for changes to personnel
- Project specific conditions, budget, licenses

## **During the project:**

- No-cost extensions possible for a maximum of 12 months under specific circumstances
- Annual financial report
- Output data

## **At the end of the project :**

- Output data
- Scientific report
- Financial report
- Update of the DMP

# If you are not successful...

## **Read**

- the rejection letter
- the peer reviews

## **If you are thinking of resubmitting:**

- contact the SNSF administrative office if you have questions
- consider the points criticised by the Research Council / evaluation panel and the international experts and carefully revise your proposal based on the feedback
- list and explain your revisions made in the point-by-point response

## **If you strongly disagree with the decision:**

- you can ask for reconsideration or appeal against the decision

# Thank you for your attention!

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