Confirmation of the higher education institution or research institution

SNSF Starting Grants 2026 is the SNSF’s highest level of career funding. It enables researchers to lead and manage their project and a team of researchers in Switzerland. An additional budget is earmarked to fund additional excellent female applicants.

For applicants who need to finance their own salary, the grant will cover the project funds (max. CHF 1 million) in addition to the applicants’ own salaries. For applicants with guaranteed salaries, the grant will cover the project funds only (max. CHF 1 million).

**The written confirmation of the higher education institution or research institution has to be submitted with the application:**

Applicants can submit an SNSF Starting Grant independently of their academic position.

For higher education institutions **that offer assistant professorships**, at least a position and title of assistant professor is required for the duration of the grant.

For research institutions that **do not offer assistant professor positions** and titles, a position involving independent project and management responsibility (“group leader” or equivalent) is required for the duration of the grant.

The confirmation must follow the text template provided below and be written using the official letterhead of the higher education institution or research institution. They will only be regarded as complete if all the points relevant to the application are addressed.

Confirmation of the higher education institution or research institution

The **[name of the higher education institution or research institution]** supports the application of **[name applicant]** for an SNSF Starting Grant. It warrants the necessary conditions to conduct the research project **[project title]** including the expected work time percentage and time commitment in accordance with the [SNSF Starting Grants Call Document 2026](https://snf.ch/media/de/2ZMyjerFjDvl29vK/Call_Document_SNSF_StG_2025.pdf) (cf. paragraph 1.5, 1.6, and 3.2).

The host institution also guarantees to:

* integrate the grantee in the higher education institution or research institution and to provide working space for the research team;
* warrant access rights to infrastructures, equipment, and other services necessary for conducting the research project;
* ensure independence in leading the project and the team, in particular, the authority to publish as senior author and to invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work.

**Please tick one box for each of the following points and specify if necessary:**

1. What position will the applicant have at the employing institution in adherence to the conditions specified under article 1.5 of the SNSF Starting Grants Call Document 2026?

* Assistant Professor (at least)
* Group Leader (or equivalent)

2. Please specify the applicant’s conditions of employment according to articles 1.6 and 3.2 of the SNSF Starting Grants Call Document 2026:

* The applicant requests their salary to be covered by the SNSF Starting Grant for the full duration of the project. The salary requested corresponds to an activity of **[specify in full-time equivalent (FTE)]**.
* The applicant requests their salary to be covered by the SNSF Starting Grant for part of the project duration. The salary requested correspond to an activity of **[specify in full-time equivalent (FTE)]** for the period from **[month/year]** to **[month/year]**.
* The applicant has a guaranteed paid position at the higher education or research institution for the entire duration of the project and does not request their salary to be covered by the SNSF Starting Grant.

3. The higher education institution guarantees that the recipient of the SNSF Starting Grant has the right to confer a doctorate (mandatory for all host institutions that award doctoral degrees):

* Yes
* No

***[Only include the next paragraph, if the applicant does not have the right to supervise PhD theses]***

*If the applicant will not have the right to confer dissertations and requests PhD position(s)*, the official supervisor of the doctoral thesis at the **[higher education institution]** will be **[name].**

For the requested PhD position(s), the completion of the doctoral thesis (including necessary funding) is ensured either upon the expiration of the grant or if the project is prematurely terminated, which may include relocating abroad ([Money follows Researcher (snf.ch)](https://snf.ch/en/cwEW5KbgFWs6YNmW/funding/supplementary-measures/money-follows-researcher)).

Vice-Rectorate Research or equivalent

Name and Function

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Email and Signature of legal representative

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Place, Date