



SNSF Mobility fellowships

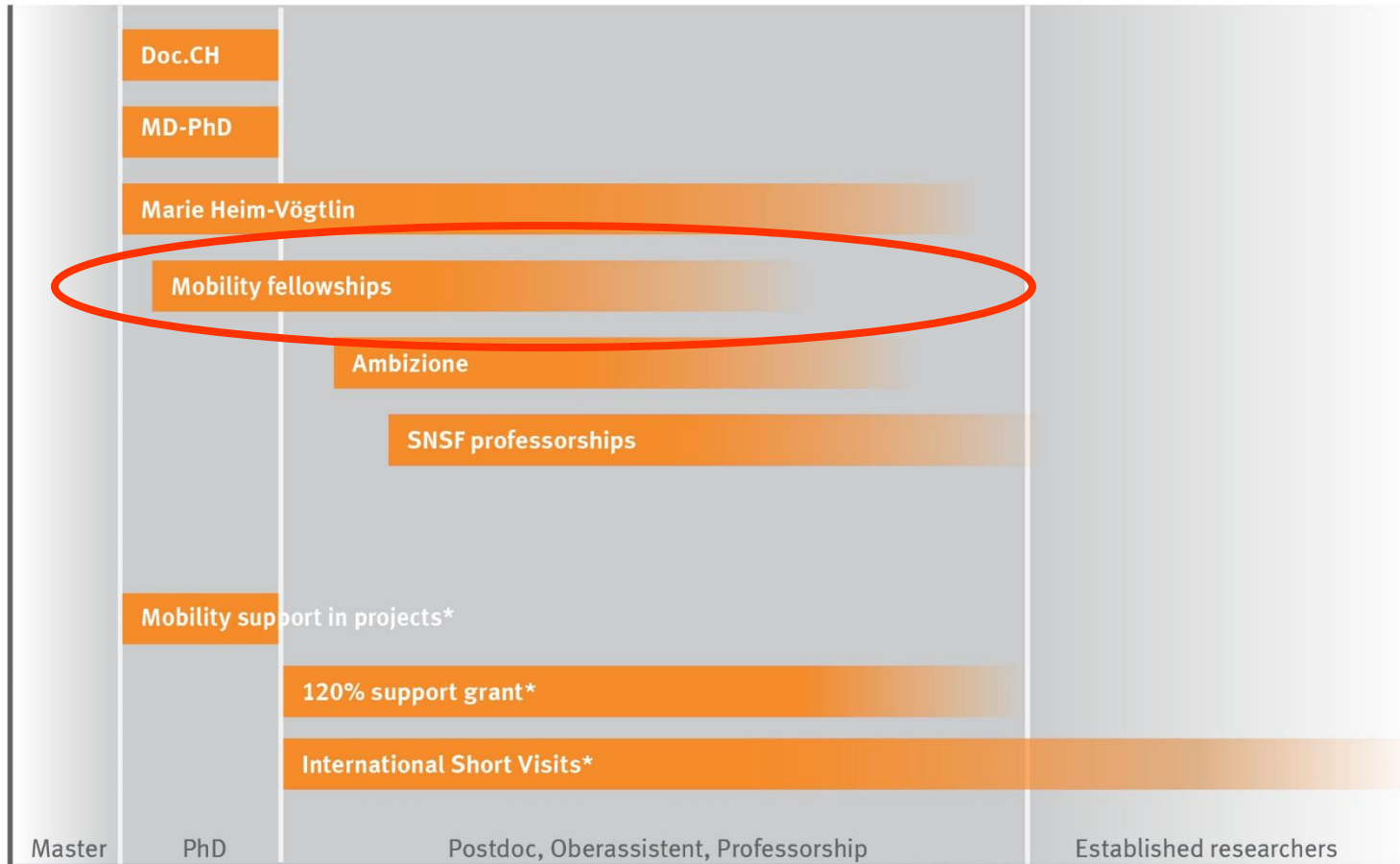
Submitting a proposal: the path to success

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Career funding schemes



* Career promotion measures



Which are the main target groups?

SNSF career funding addresses young researchers who...

- are in the qualification stage between PhD and assistant professorship (mobility fellowships: PhD and postdocs)
- have a promising track record, relative to their research experience
- are aiming at a scientific or academic career
- apply for their own living costs and, depending on the scheme, additional project costs
- have the support of a research host institution during the grant



Mobility fellowships

Three different funding instruments:

Doc.Mobility – PhD students

Early Postdoc.Mobility – Postdocs starting their career

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility – Experienced postdocs



Doc.Mobility

Aim

- Research stay abroad for PhD students

Conditions

- Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months; exceptions are possible in justified cases
- Swiss nationality, permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss
- At least 1 year of research activity at a Swiss research institution for persons with foreign nationality

Duration

- 6 – 18 months

Doc.Mobility

Deadlines

- March 1 and September 1 (Sat/Sun/holyday-> next working day)

Submission

- Via mySNF to the SNSF Research Commission at the University where the applicant is enrolled as PhD student or to the SNSF Fellowship Commission if the applicant is matriculated at a University abroad

Evaluation

- Local SNSF Research Commission or SNSF Fellowship Commission

Funding start date

- 2 - 4 months after the submission deadline

Early Postdoc.Mobility

Aim

- Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career

Conditions

- Doctorate (PhD) already obtained or obtainment within 9 months, or medical training completed with a doctorate (MD)
- Doctorate obtained no more than 2 years ago; medical researchers must have passed the state examination no more than 6 years ago. Exceptions are possible in justified cases, e.g. family care duties
- Swiss nationality, permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Early Postdoc.Mobility

Duration

- 18 months (at least 12 months in justified cases)

Deadlines

- March 1 and September 1 (Sat/Sun/holiday-> next working day)

Submission

- Via mySNF to the SNSF Research Commission of the University where the applicant obtained or will obtain the doctorate or the SNSF Fellowship Commission in case the doctorate will be/have been obtained abroad

Evaluation

- Local SNSF Research Commission or SNSF Fellowship Commission

Funding start date

- 2 - 4 months after the submission deadline

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Aim

- Research stay abroad for experienced postdocs with the option of a return phase at a Swiss higher education institution

Conditions (I)

- Doctorate (PhD) or medical training with a doctorate (MD) and at least 1 year's experience as a postdoc (earlier submission is possible for holders of an Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship)
- Submission up to 5 years (benchmark) after the doctoral exam (for medical researchers: up to 9 years (benchmark) and at least 3 years of clinical activity after the state examination); exceptions are possible if reasons for exceeding the benchmark, e.g. due to family support responsibilities, are provided in writing

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Conditions (II)

- Swiss nationality, valid permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Duration

- Fellowship abroad: 12 - 36 months; in general, the maximum duration of 36 months for the mobility fellowships (Early Postdoc.Mobility plus Advanced Postdoc.Mobility) may not be exceeded
- Possible return phase: 3 - 12 months (should in general not exceed 1/3 of the duration of the fellowship abroad)



Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Deadlines

- February 1 and August 1 (Sat/Sun/holyday-> next working day)

Submission

- Via mySNF

Evaluation

- National Research Council of the SNSF

Funding start date

- At the earliest 6 months after the submission deadline

Grant – annual contribution

1. Fellowship

Basic amount*	CHF 39'500 - 67'500
Child allowance	CHF 9'000 per child
Travel allowance	Outward and return journey (incl. spouse/children)
Registration fees	75% or max. CHF 15'000 (only if justified)
Congress costs	Max. CHF 2'000
Research costs	Max. 3'000 (only exceptionally)
Gender equality grant	Max. 1'000 (for career development measures, only for female fellowship holders)

*depending on host country, marital status and mobility instrument

2. Return grant (APM only) salary with social security contributions



Scientific evaluation criteria

Proposed project

- Scientific relevance, topicality and originality
- Suitability of methods and feasibility

Applicant

- Scientific track record
- Professional expertise with regard to the project
- Extent of mobility
- Host institution
- Potential for scientific or academic career
- Independence
- Return grant (APM): relevance for the academic career and added value for knowledge transfer



Writing a successful research proposal

Preparations

- Start planning your submission and register on mySNF early (call opens 3 months before the submission deadline)
- Read and follow the scheme-specific guidelines and regulations (formal conditions)
- Take scientific integrity seriously
- Invest enough time for preparing all required documents (confirmation of the host institute, reference letters etc.)
- If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the SNSF Research Commission/SNSF office

Don't rely (only) on what you hear from third parties

Research plan

Control for potential scientific misconduct

- As last step of the submission process on mySNF, all applicants confirm that *"... the information given in all parts of this proposal including the attachments is correct. Documents were prepared in agreement with the persons involved and according to the standards of good scientific conduct. All information relevant to the proposal is presented unambiguously and completely. Earlier work of the applicants and third parties is declared as such and publications of the applicant(s) and of third parties are correctly cited."*
- The SNSF uses software to compare texts and analyse suspected cases of plagiarism.
- A significant part of the applications of any call or submission date are checked at random. Also, any hint or observation by external reviewers, members of the research council or the scientific management is examined.

Where to find scheme-specific guidelines



Increase your research experience through a stay abroad!

Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowships are designed for postdocs at the beginning of their career who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad.

The fellowships include a grant towards living costs, a flat-rate for travel expenses and, if justified, a contribution towards research and conference costs as well as matriculation fees. In principle, these fellowships are awarded for 18 months, in justified cases for at least 12 months.

Participation requirements 

How To 

Documents 



Where to find scheme-specific guidelines



- Publication List
- Copy diplomas
- Publications
- Confirmation host institution
- Authorisation third party funding
- Application for exemption registration fee
- Partnership and family confirmations
- Residence permit
- Cover letter
- Other annexes
- Administrative part of the application
- Temporary copy



Information/documents

Manage authorisations

Application data

No./Title

Basic data I

Basic data II

Follow-up project of APM

Follow-up project of EPM

Return to CH

Revision of

Institutional declaration

Available or requested funds

Requested Funding

References

Spouse/Partner

Children for whom you are obliged to support

Diplomas/certificates

General remarks on the project

Documents to be sent by post

Annexed Documents (upload)

No./Title

Research plan

Curriculum vitae

Career plan



Writing a successful research proposal

Research project

- High quality, original and feasible
- Show how the project can increase your chances for a scientific/academic career
- Show your own contribution to the project
- Show your expertise through what you have already done
- Write a concrete research plan; clearly structured and detailed, describe methods and alternatives (“plan B”)
- References / bibliography up-to-date
- Show the added value of a research stay abroad, justify the choice of the host institution

Writing a successful research proposal

Curriculum vitae

- Indicate dates with month and year
- PhD: give the date of the defense
- For clinical researchers: give the date of your medical licence and of your MD
- Mention your research experience in academia and industry
- List interruptions, reduced level of employment in your scientific career (maternity, dual career couple, employment outside of academia, prolonged illness...)

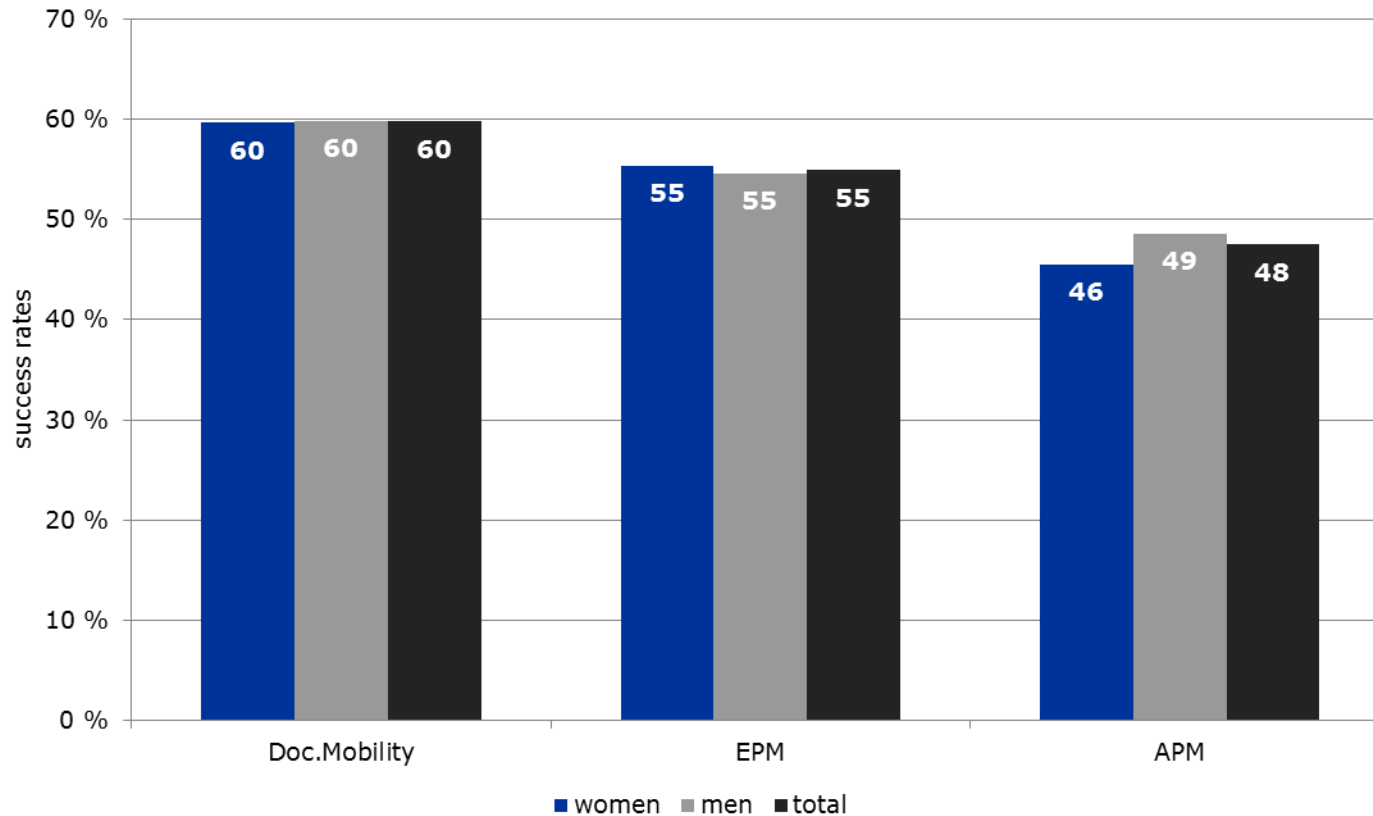


Writing a successful research proposal

Your host institution is expected to

- Welcome you for the duration of the grant in a confirmation letter:
 - integration, support, infrastructure, independence, complementarity with your research, additional funding after the period granted by the SNSF, etc.
- Offer you the best environment for your project and your career
- Allow you to develop your scientific independence
- Allow you to gain mobility

Success rates mobility fellowships (2014)



If you are not successful...

- Read the decision letter carefully: it describes the decisive reasoning of the SNSF Research Commission or the National Research Council
- Contact the SNSF Research Commission or the SNSF office for clarification and advice
- Try again with an improved application (as long as you fulfil the formal requirements)
- Comment the changes made and respond to critiques of the decision letter
- Reconsideration of the decision
- Appeal

Further information

SNSF in Berne:

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Research Day 2015



Research Day

The SNSF visits the University of Lausanne

Thursday, 12 November 2015

UNIL, Quartier Sorge, Amphipôle and Amphimax

11:45 – 13:10 Amphipôle, near Auditoriums C and D
Market square with various information stands (incl. lunch)
Representatives of the SNSF, the University of Lausanne, EPFL, Euresearch and the CTI, among others, will be there to answer your questions.

13:15 – 14:00 Amphimax, Auditorium 350
Welcome address
Dominique Arlettaz, Rector of the University of Lausanne
Andreas Mortensen, Vice Provost for Research, EPFL

The SNSF and challenges for Swiss Science
Martin Vetterli, President of the National Research Council of the SNSF

This is how the SNSF can support your research!
Angelika Kalt, Deputy Director of the SNSF

14:00 – 15:00
Evaluators: a look behind the scenes
Roundtable with questions from the audience.

15:00 – 15:30
Coffee break Amphipôle, near Auditoriums C and D **or**
Information session Sinergia Amphipôle, room 315 **or**
Information session International cooperation Amphipôle, room 340

15:30 – 16:45
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Careers:

- _ Doc.CH (in humanities and social sciences) Room 321
- _ Mobility Fellowships Auditorium C
- _ SNSF professorships/Ambizione/Marie Heim-Vögtlin Auditorium D

Projects:

- _ Humanities and social sciences Room 315.1
- _ Mathematics, natural and engineering sciences Room 340.1
- _ Biology and medicine Room 319

16:45 – 17:45 Amphipôle, Room 340
Agora - Communicating with the public (followed by an apéro)
Frank Burnet, President of the Agora Commission

The talks will be in French and the Powerpoint presentations in English.

How can the SNSF support your career?

Are you interested in a fellowship for a stay abroad or in obtaining funding for your research project? Would you like to become independent and form your own team? The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is hosting various stands and holding presentations and workshops where you can learn more about our funding schemes.

The Research Day is aimed at all researchers, from doctoral candidates to professors. Attendance is free and it is not necessary to register in advance.

www.snsf.ch/events



<http://planete.unil.ch/planeresearchday>


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Thank you for your attention

