



# International Funding Opportunities Swiss National Science Foundation

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SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

# The SNSF

- promotes scientific basic research on behalf of the Confederation
- invests in young scientists
- enables research stays abroad
- promotes international co-operation
- promotes gender equality

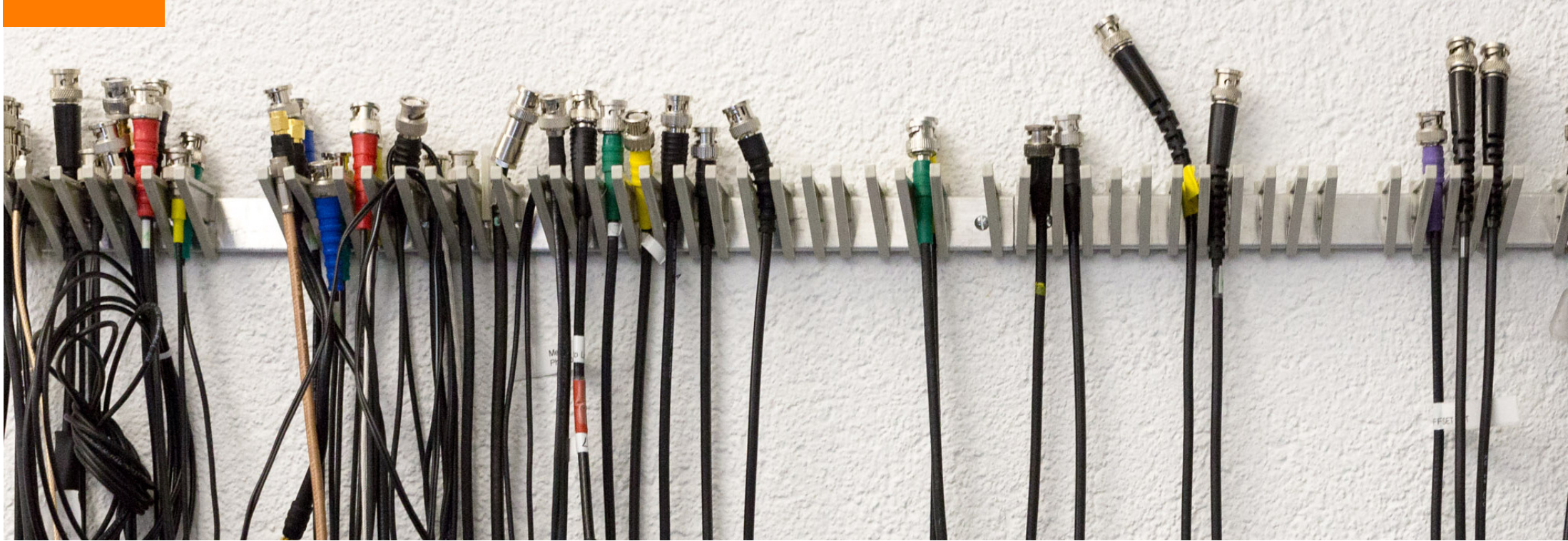


# Foremost Swiss funding agency

Each year the SNSF invests  
over CHF 800 million  
in over 3,400 projects  
involving 14,000 researchers

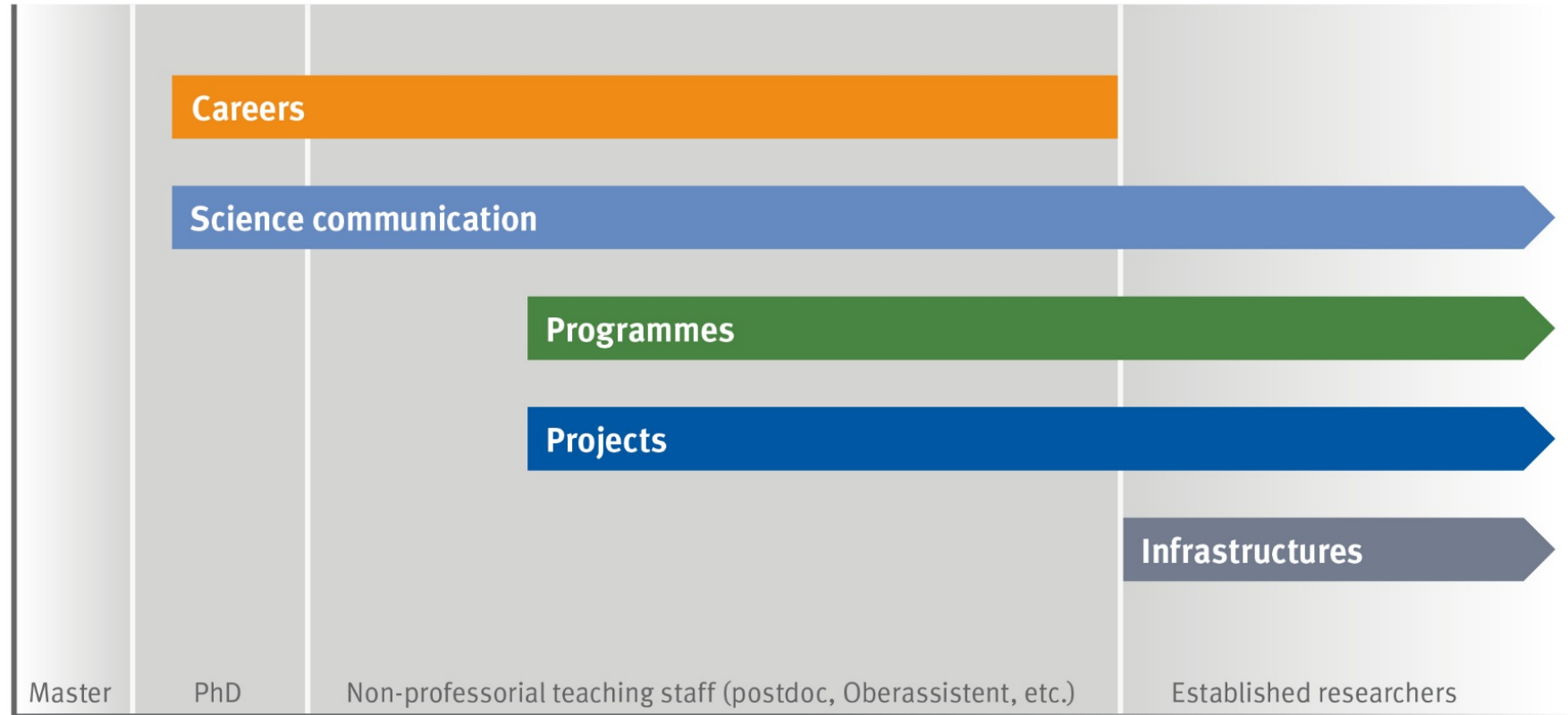






## Funding schemes

# Overview



Source: Guidelines for selecting SNSF funding schemes, August 2011

Researchers at universities of applied sciences and universities of teacher education without a doctorate need to show that they have the necessary research experience.



# Mobility Fellowships



# Doc.Mobility

Fellowship for doctoral students to go abroad

lasting between 6 and 18 months

designed for doctoral students



# Early Postdoc.Mobility

Fellowships lasting 18 months for postdocs starting their careers and wanting to go abroad

- Submission up to 9 months before and up to 2 years after the doctoral exam
- For medical researchers: submission up to 6 years after the state examination
- At least 3 years working at a research institution in Switzerland (for foreign persons)
- Submission deadlines: **1 March** and **1 September**



# Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Fellowships for advanced postdocs abroad lasting between 12 and 36 months with a return option to Switzerland for a duration of 3 to 12 months

- Doctorate and research experience of at least 1 year at postdoctoral level
- At least 3 years of research activity in Switzerland (for foreign applicants)
- Submission up to 5 years (benchmark) after the doctoral exam (for medical researchers: no later than 9 years and at least 3 years of clinical activity after state examination)
- Submission deadlines: **1 February** and **1 August**

# Ambizione, Ambizione-PROSPER/SCORE

## **Research in Switzerland: returning or incoming**

Own salary, project funding, personnel, possibly doctoral candidate

Duration: 3 years  
(generally no extension)



# International Short Visits

Allows researchers working in Switzerland to go abroad or researchers from elsewhere to come to Switzerland

Exchange of knowledge that is beneficial to both co-applicants and their institutions

Duration 1 week to 3 months







r4D

## **Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development** (r4d programme)

- 5 thematic research programmes (research partnerships with at least 2 developing countries)
- 1 thematically open programme with 3 calls (last call will be launched this summer)

## **Framework conditions of the call:**

Projects in partnership with researchers from developing countries

- Open to all scientific fields
- Project duration: 3 years
- Maximum amount: CHF 500'000
  - Research costs in Switzerland and developing countries are covered
  - 10 to 15% of the budget for communication and implementation



# r4D

**Evaluation:** two stage procedure

Pre-proposal / Full-proposal

Evaluation criteria

- Scientific quality
- Relevance for development

Both criteria are equally weighted



# Bilateral Programmes

## **Bilateral initiatives of the Confederation**

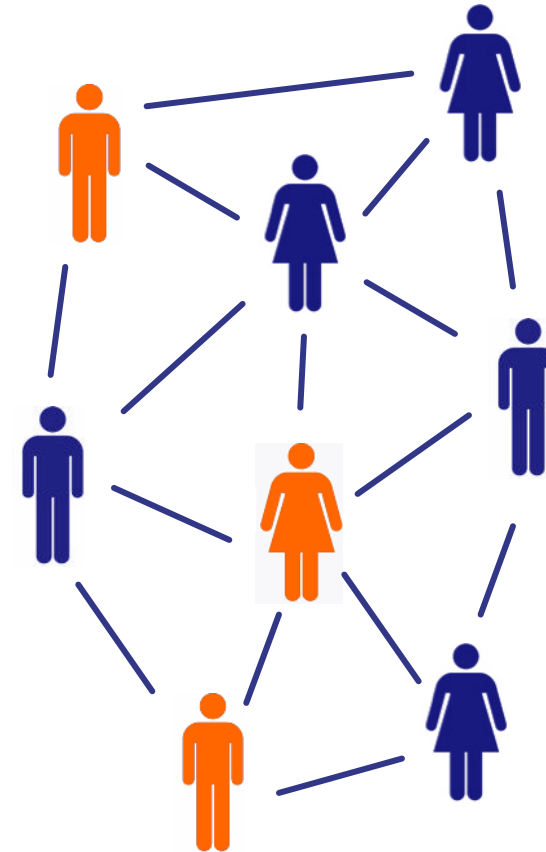
- Bilateral research co-operation programmes with China, India, Russia, South Africa, Japan, South Korea, Brazil
- Joint calls for JRPs
- Submission of Joint Research Projects
- Joint evaluation (Peer review, joint panel)
- Each country supports own teams

# Sinergia

**Collaborative research:** research goals can only be achieved if two or more applicants combine their complementary expertise and knowledge in a new, joint research approach, collaboration of research groups from different types of institutions welcome

**Breakthrough research:** high potential for shifting or invalidating paradigms, very innovative research questions beyond existing models, theories, doctrines, research approaches, methods, etc.

It opens up new research fields and is often of a high-risk, high-reward nature.



# International Exploratory Workshops

Allow researchers working in Switzerland to organise workshops with participants from abroad

Should bring together scientists with different backgrounds

Duration 2-5 days





# Conference grants

Scientific networking

Contribution to expenses of invited speakers

High scientific level

Applications at least 6 months before the event takes place





## Do you have any questions?

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A man wearing a green and white plaid shirt, dark trousers, and a brown hat is kneeling on a rocky, arid plain. He is looking down at a clipboard on the ground. The background is a clear blue sky and a flat, rocky landscape.

«If we knew  
what we were looking for,  
it wouldn't be called research.»

Albert Einstein