## PROJECT FUNDING INSTRUMENTS (individual and collective)

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| SNSF                 | Individual      | **Individual Project Funding**  
• The SNSF provides project funding to enable researchers to conduct research projects on self-chosen topics and with self-chosen goals under their own responsibility  
• Calls twice a year: 1 April and 1 October |
| SNSF                 | Collective      | **Sinergia**  
• Sinergia promotes the interdisciplinary collaboration of two to four research groups that propose breakthrough research  
• Calls twice a year: 1 June and 1 December |
|                      |                 | **Eccellenza Grants**  
• Aimed at researchers in all disciplines who have recently been appointed as tenure-track assistant professors at a Swiss higher education institution  
• Researchers can apply for project funds of up to CHF 1,500,000 for five years  
• Calls once a year: 1 February |
| SNSF and SDC         | Collective      | **SPIRIT – Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams**  
• Aimed at researchers in Switzerland and in developing and emerging countries who wish to execute a joint research project on global issues  
• Calls: preproposal at any time – full proposal upon invitation |
| SNSF and SERI        | Collective      | **Bilateral Programmes with Priority Countries**  
• Aimed at promoting and strengthening scientific cooperation with non-European countries that show high or promising research potential  
• Calls: check the website |
| SNIS                 | Individual / Collective | **SNIS Project Grants**  
• Two-year grants for pluridisciplinary research in the field of international studies  
• Collaboration with IOs and NGOs strongly encouraged  
• Call once a year: January |
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| UE – Horizon 2020    | Individual | ERC Starting Grants  
• Aimed at young talented research leaders wishing to gain independence and to build their own careers  
• 2–7 years after PhD  
• Up to 5 years  
• Call once a year: check the website  |
|                      | Individual | ERC Consolidator Grants  
• Aimed at researchers who want to establish research teams and continue developing a successful career in Europe or associated countries  
• 7–12 years after PhD  
• Up to 5 years  
• Call once a year: check the website  |
|                      | Individual | ERC Advanced Grants  
• Aimed at outstanding research leaders of any nationality and any age wishing to pursue ground-breaking, high-risk projects in Europe  
• Up to 5 years  
• Call once a year: check the website  |
|                      | Individual | ERC Proof of Concept Grants  
• Designed to support ERC grantees with the commercial or societal application of the results of their funded research  
• Up to 18 months  
• Call once a year: check the website  |
|                      | Individual | Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions  
• A cofunding programme supporting new or existing doctoral or postdoctoral fellowship programmes and stimulating regional, national or international programmes in order to foster excellence in researchers’ training, mobility and career development  
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| Collective ITNs       |         | **ITNs (Innovative Training Workshops)**  
  • Support competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by European partnerships of universities, research institutions and non-academic organisations  
  • Call once a year: check the website |
| European Commission   | Collective | **Horizon 2020 Framework Programme (H2020)**  
  • Consortium-based research with top-down research projects. Predefined Societal Challenges targeted  
  • Calls: check the website |