## 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. [List of eligible partner countries](#). Two to four research groups  
  • 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; preproposal January |
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<td>UE – Horizon 2020</td>
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<td>ERC&lt;br&gt;→ ERC Starting Grants&lt;br&gt;• Aimed at young talented research leaders wishing to gain independence and to build their own careers&lt;br&gt;• 2–7 years after PhD&lt;br&gt;• Up to 5 years&lt;br&gt;• Call once a year: check the website</td>
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<td>→ ERC Consolidator Grants&lt;br&gt;• Aimed at researchers who want to establish research teams and continue developing a successful career in Europe or associated countries&lt;br&gt;• 7–12 years after PhD&lt;br&gt;• Up to 5 years&lt;br&gt;• Call once a year: check the website</td>
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<td>→ ERC Advanced Grants&lt;br&gt;• Aimed at outstanding research leaders of any nationality and any age wishing to pursue ground-breaking, high-risk projects in Europe&lt;br&gt;• Up to 5 years&lt;br&gt;• Call once a year: check the website</td>
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<td>→ ERC Proof of Concept Grants&lt;br&gt;• Designed to support ERC grantees with the commercial or societal application of the results of their funded research&lt;br&gt;• Up to 18 months&lt;br&gt;• Call once a year: check the website</td>
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<td>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</td>
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<td>COFUND&lt;br&gt;• 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&lt;br&gt;• Call once a year: check the website</td>
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| Collective            | 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 |