

Research Office

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PROJECT FUNDING INSTRUMENTS (individual and collective)

Funding Agency	Type	Description
SNSF	Individual Collective	<p>Individual Project Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Sinergia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinergia promotes the interdisciplinary collaboration of two to four research groups that propose breakthrough research • Calls twice a year: 1 June and 1 December <p>Eccellenza Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>SPIRIT – Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Bilateral Programmes with Priority Countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>SNIS Project Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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UE – Horizon 2020	Individual	<p>ERC</p> <p>→ ERC Starting Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>→ ERC Consolidator Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>→ ERC Advanced Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>→ ERC Proof of Concept Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</p> <p>→ COFUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Call once a year: check the website

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Funding Agency	Type	Description
	Collective	<p>→ ITNs (Innovative Training Workshops)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Horizon 2020 Framework Programme (H2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium-based research with top-down research projects. Predefined Societal Challenges targeted • Calls: check the website