

# Application form

## FIR – support to young researchers

To be sent with all required attachments to [commissione.ricerca@usi.ch](mailto:commissione.ricerca@usi.ch) by **01.10.2022**.

### 1. Personal data

Last Name:		First Name:	
Current affiliation and position			
Address:			
E-mail			
Date of birth:			

Further comments:

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### 2. Project

Title:			
Research field:			
Duration (months):		Starting date:	earliest 01.01.2023

Further comments:

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### 3. Host institute at USI

Name of institute:	
Faculty /Department:	

**Host:**

Last name:		First name:	
Function:		Phone:	
E-mail:			

Further comments:

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### 4. Collaborations

Name	Institution	Description of collaboration

### 5. Summary

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(max. 200 words)

## 6. Requested budget

Category		Amount (CHF)
<i>Applicant's salary</i>	<b>Max 50%</b>	
<i>Other salaries</i>		
<i>Research costs (please specify)</i>		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>		

Other funds available from other projects, institute resources, etc.:

Further comments:

## 7. Attachments:

- Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Publication list
- Scientific description (max. 8 pages), see detailed instructions in the following page.
- Career plan and perspective for scientific independence and future funding (max 1 page)
- Support letter from the host institute
- Reference letters.

### Instructions for the scientific description

The scientific description must not exceed 8 pages A4 paper size and 40'000 characters (with spaces). This includes the title or title/cover page, possible table of contents, summary, footnotes (explanatory notes or comments at the bottom of a page), illustrations, formulae, tables, but not the bibliography (list of sources/references at the end of the document).

<b>1. Summary</b>	In the summary ( <b>maximum 1 page</b> ), present the background and rationale of the project, list its overall objectives and specific aims, mention the methods to be used, and briefly discuss the expected results and their impact for the field.
<b>2. Proposed Research</b>	
<b>2.1 Current state of re- search in the field</b>	Describe your project in the context of the current state of knowledge in your field. Make reference to the most important publications, particularly by other authors. De- scribe: - which previous insights provided the starting point and basis for the planned studies; - in which areas research is needed, and why; - which important, relevant research projects are currently underway in Switzerland and abroad.
<b>2.2 Current state of per- sonal research</b>	Present the research work you have already undertaken in the relevant field or in related fields, describe the results obtained so far as well as the relevance of these preliminary undertakings for your project.  Together with the CV, this information serves as a basis for assessing your scientific qualifications, particularly your expertise with regard to the project.
<b>2.3 Detailed research plan</b>	Based on the information provided under 2.1 and 2.2, specify the approach you are taking and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve in the period of funding. The following points should be addressed: - describe the studies or experiments needed and/or envisaged to reach the set goals. Assess the risks involved and propose alternatives if necessary; - characterise existing sources and datasets and describe the data collection strategy and possible alternative strategies; - methods by which the research goals are to be reached (applicant and collaborations) and methods that first have to be developed; - explain the role and the planned work of each member of the research team (incl. applicant, personnel and collaborations).
<b>2.4 Schedule and mile- stones</b>	Compile a schedule that includes the most important milestones (e.g. table, Gantt chart, etc.). This plan should also indicate the main tasks with which the persons funded in the project are to be entrusted.
<b>2.5 Relevance and im- pact</b>	Describe the <b>scientific relevance and expected impacts</b> of your project for the discipline and for science as a whole (research and education/teaching). Mention the form in which you wish to publish your research results (articles in scientific journals, monographs, conference proceedings, etc.) Indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project will have a broader impact and what this impact will be.

<b>3. Bibliography</b>	List the sources of all concluded and/or ongoing work referred to in the research plan. The bibliography is not included in the maximum number of pages (8) and characters (40'000) count.
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