

NSF-Swiss NSF Lead Agency Opportunity

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Lead Agency Opportunities



WHAT

U.S. and Swiss researchers collaborate on a single proposal that undergoes a single review process at a single (lead) agency.



WHY

Promote international collaboration by reducing some barriers and uncertainty researchers may encounter.



HOW

Lead agency makes funding recommendation. Non-lead agency honors recommendation. Researchers supported by their country's agency.

NSF-SNSF Lead Agency Opportunity

- 4-year pilot
 - **SNSF Lead: April 1st, 2023, through March 31st, 2024**
 - NSF Lead: April 1st, 2024, through March 31st, 2025
 - SNSF Lead: April 1st, 2025, through March 31st, 2026
 - NSF Lead: April 1st, 2026, through March 31st, 2027
- Expression of Interest (EOI) phase before full proposal

- Next EOI deadline: August 3, 2023
- Next full proposal deadline: October 2, 2023



NSF-Specific Considerations



NSF Participating Units

- All participating programs listed at <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/NSF-SWISS/nsf-swiss.jsp>
- Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO)
 - Division of Environmental Biology (DEB)
 - Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS)
 - Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB)
- Directorate for Engineering (ENG)
- Directorate for Geosciences (GEO)
- Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS)
 - Division of Astronomical Sciences (AST)
 - Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS)
 - Division of Physics (PHY)
- Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)
 - Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS)
 - Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)
 - Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA)



Expressions of Interest

- Regardless of Lead Agency, proposals without an approved EOI will be returned without review.
- EOIs due to NSF **60 days** before full proposal.
- NSF intends to communicate EOI eligibility decisions ~**30 days** before full proposals are due.
- EOI template: <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/NSF-SWISS/nsf-swiss.jsp>.
- Submit EOIs via email to swissnsf-collaboration@nsf.gov

Expression of Interest (EOI) for the U.S. National Science Foundation and Swiss National Science Foundation Pilot Lead Agency Opportunity

Please complete the form below and submit your completed EOI following the instructions at <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/NSF-SWISS/nsf-swiss.jsp>. EOIs should be submitted at least calendar 60 days in advance of submitting a full proposal. Additional information about this Lead Agency Opportunity is available at https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf23049.

When completing the requested summary budgetary information below, please keep in mind budgetary norms and limits for the programs at NSF and SNSF. For proposals involving the NSF Directorate for Geosciences, the maximum funding request on the NSF side is \$400,000 when SNSF is the Lead Agency.

Please be mindful of programmatic submission deadlines. Check the NSF programs' websites for applicable dates. Full proposals must be submitted in accordance with submission dates for the program(s) considering the proposal.

Project Details

Lead agency to which the proposal is expected to be submitted (<i>The Lead Agency alternates annually. Additional information is available at the links above.</i>)	<input type="radio"/> NSF <input type="radio"/> SNSF	
Target NSF Program(s)		
Proposed project title		
Proposed project duration		
Principal Investigator (PI) name, email, and affiliation (<i>The PI is the lead researcher for the U.S. component</i>)	PI Name:	
	PI Email:	
	PI Affiliation:	
Collaborating colleagues' names, emails, and affiliations (<i>Include the lead researcher for the Swiss component, other U.S. senior personnel, and other key Swiss collaborators</i>)		
Approximate budget to be requested from NSF for U.S. costs	U.S. budget in USD:	
	U.S. budget in CHF:	
Approximate budget to be requested from SNSF for Swiss costs	Swiss budget in CHF:	
	Swiss Budget in USD:	
Total approximate budget (<i>Sum of U.S. and Swiss budgets</i>)	Total Budget in USD:	
	Total budget in CHF:	
Please confirm all institutions involved have agreed to this submission (<i>click on box</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> All institutions involved have agreed.	
Estimated number of postdocs supported (U.S.), estimated number of students supported (U.S.), and estimated number of summer salary months requested (U.S.)	Estimated postdocs:	
	Estimated students:	
	Estimated months:	

Please be sure to include indirect and administrative costs for both the U.S. and Swiss budgets at this stage. Full proposal budgets should not vary from those specified in the EOI by more than 10% and any such changes should be fully justified.



SNSF-Specific Considerations



Submission procedure at the SNSF

Participating Divisions

All SNS Division participate

- SSH
- MINT
- Life Science

Submission EOI

Submit the EOI to the NSF

- Regardless which agency has the Lead
- At the latest 60 days before the submission deadline
- No need to submit the EOI to the SNSF
- No submission of a proposal without an accepted EOI
- EOI is valid one year

Submit proposal

Submission to the SNSF

- Tick the box „use inspired“ for the broader impact
- Administrative submission to the NSF only after acceptance of the proposal

New Regulations on Project Funding

Collaborative projects

- In collaborative projects with three or more applicants, one applicant can be employed by a research institution outside of Switzerland

Number of projects per applicant

- Three grants are possible:
- If at least one of these is a Lead Agency/Weave, International Co-Investigator Scheme or EU Consortium project.
- **New submission portal**
- Plan enough time for the submission



Thank You

- Helpful links:

- SNSF: <https://www.snf.ch/en/O4kjNy462OJRd5gX/funding/projects/weave-lead-agency>
- NSF DCL 23-049: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2023/nsf23049/nsf23049.jsp>
- NSF Participating Programs: <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/NSF-SWISS/nsf-swiss.jsp>

- Email:

- SNSF: projects.international@snf.ch
- NSF: swissnsf-collaboration@nsf.gov

- Upcoming Deadlines

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Questions?



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