



SNSF Career Funding Schemes

Wide range of funding opportunities for your future career development

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The SNSF

Objectives

- Promote scientific basic research on behalf of the Confederation

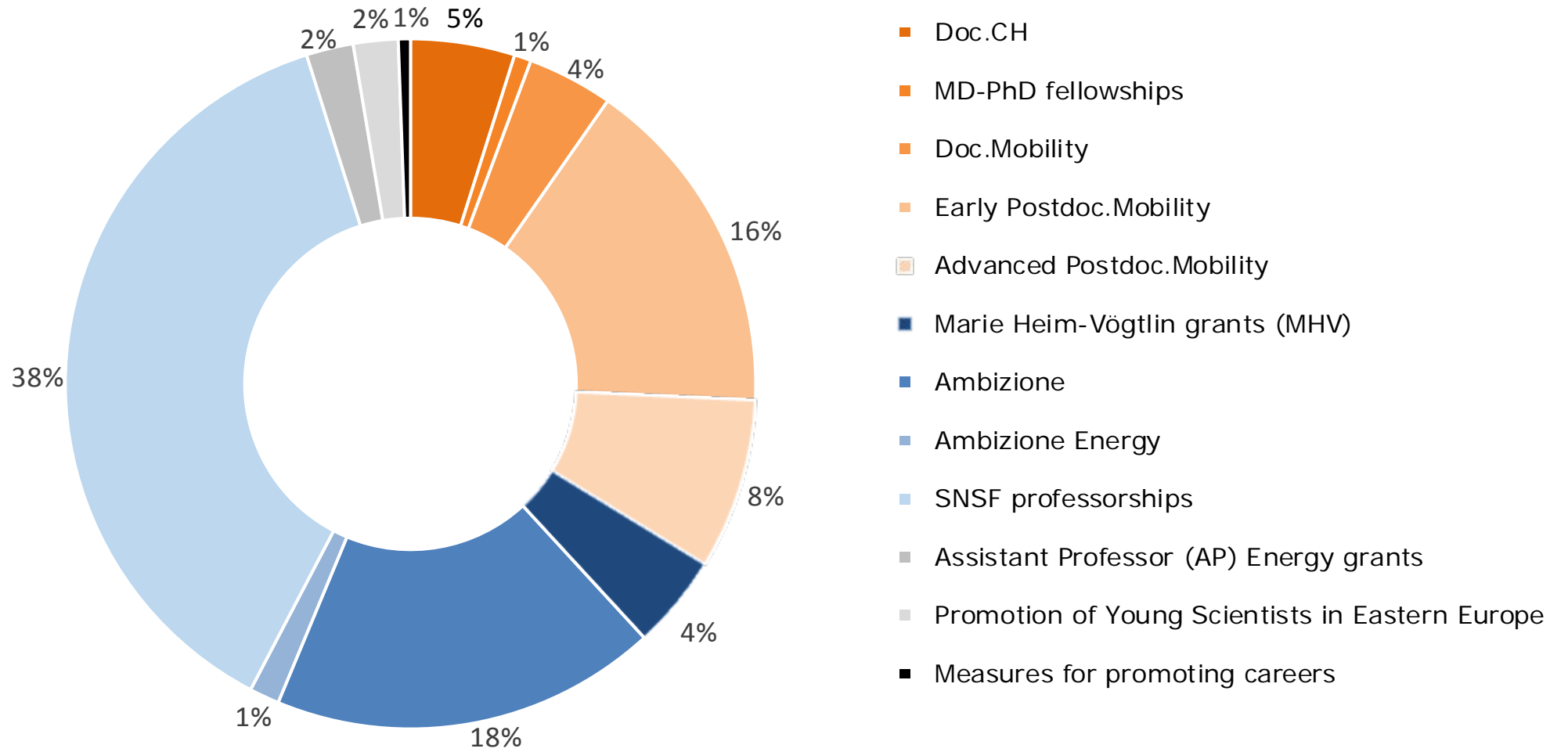
One major priority

- Invest in young scientists and encourage them to pursue a career in research

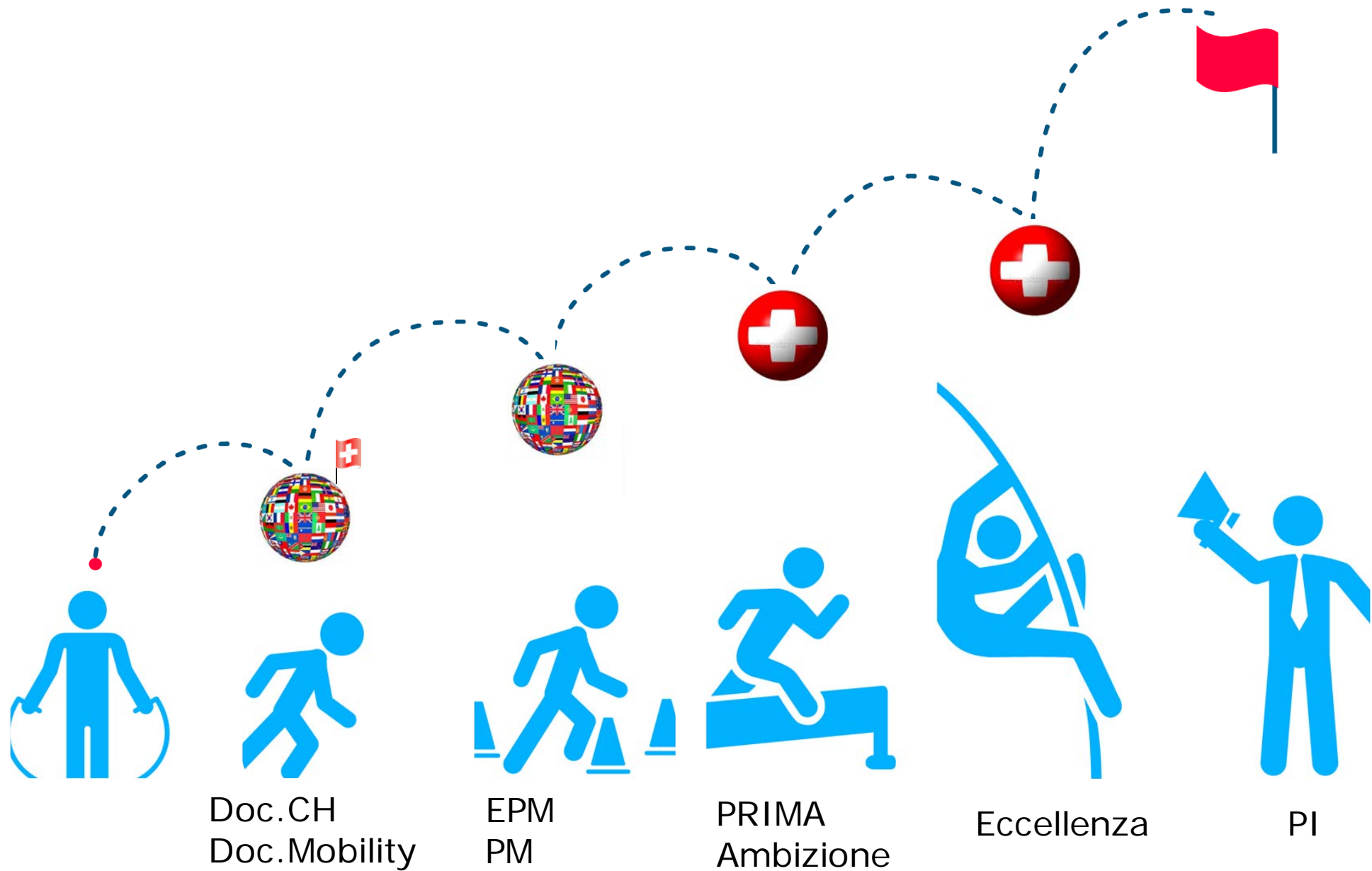
Career funding schemes

- Young researchers at the same career level compete for support
- Apply for a fellowship (stay abroad)
- Apply for a grant (depending on the scheme: salary for grantee and project funds; project funds only)

Careers – Funding by scheme (data 2016)



Total: CHF 206.7 million



Career funding schemes abroad

Doc.Mobility

Early Postdoc.Mobility

Postdoc.Mobility *



** will replace Advanced Postdoc.Mobility as of 2018*

Doc.Mobility



Aim

- Research stay abroad for doctoral students

Requirements

- Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months
- Swiss nationality or valid permit for Switzerland, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For foreign nationals: at least 1 years of activity at a Swiss research institution



Doc.Mobility



Duration

- 6-18 months



Submission deadlines

- 1 March 2018 and 1 September 2018 (earliest starting date: 2 - 4 months afterwards)

Early Postdoc.Mobility

(until 2020)



Aim

- Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career

Requirements



- Doctorate (PhD): submission up to 9 months before and up to 2 years after the doctoral exam
- Medical training completed with a doctorate (MD): submission up to 6 years after the state examination [medical license]
- Swiss nationality or valid permit for Switzerland, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For foreign nationals: at least 3 years of activity at a Swiss research institution

Early Postdoc.Mobility



Duration

- 18 months (12 months possible if justified)



Submission deadlines

- 1 March 2018 and 1 September 2018 (earliest starting date: 2 - 4 months afterwards)

Postdoc.Mobility

(replaces Advanced Postdoc.Mobility)



Aim

- Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career with a return option to Switzerland

Requirements



- Doctorate (PhD, MD-PhD) or completed studies in human, dental, veterinary, social or preventive medicine.
- Submission up to 3 years after the doctoral exam (PhD, MD-PhD); the date of the examination, respectively the defence of the doctoral thesis is the relevant date
- Medical researchers without MD-PhD: submission up to 8 years after the state examination [medical license] and at least 3 years of clinical activity after the state examination
- The eligibility window can be extended by a max. of 1 year (see Clause 1.11 para 2 of the General Implementaion Regulations)
- Swiss nationality or valid permit for Switzerland, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For foreign nationals: at least 2 years of activity at a Swiss research institution

Postdoc.Mobility



Duration

- Fellowship abroad: 24 months (but at least 12 months)
- Optional return phase in Switzerland: 3 – 12 months
- For EPM and APM fellowship holders: the maximum duration of fellowships abroad [EPM+APM+PM] may not exceed 36 months



Submission deadlines

- 1 February 2018 and 1 August 2018 (earliest starting date: 6 months afterwards)

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Mobility fellowships: Contribution



Fellowship contribution (research stay outside of Switzerland)

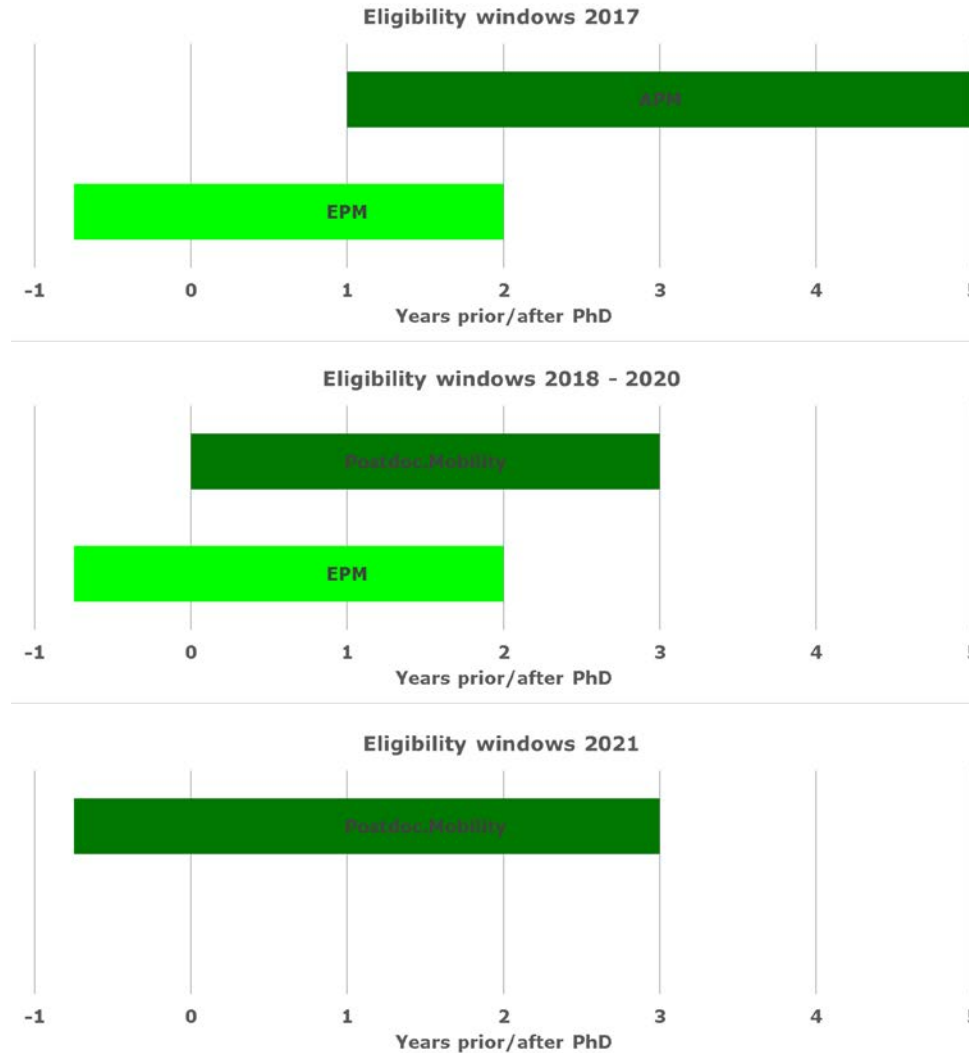
- Basic amount: CHF 40'000 – 70'500 per year, depending on scheme, host country and marital status
- Child allowance
- Travel allowance (outward and return journey incl. partner/children)
- Registration fees (partially, and only if justified)
- Conference costs
- Research costs (only granted in exceptional cases)



Optional return phase to Switzerland (Postdoc.Mobility only)

- Salary and social security contributions determined in agreement with the host institution
- Project funds (conference and research costs)

Mobility fellowships: Eligibility windows at the postdoctoral level



Career funding schemes within Switzerland



Doc.CH

PRIMA



Ambizione



Eccellenza



Doc.CH



Aim

- Write a dissertation
- In the humanities and social sciences
- Topic of their own choice
- At a higher education institution in Switzerland



Requirements

- Master degree (or similar degree) with excellent marks
- Master degree from a higher education institution in Switzerland or similar foreign degree for applicants with Swiss nationality
- Submission to the Research Commission of the SNSF no more than 2 years after the master degree
- Generally at least one change of institution between bachelor and start of PhD or a planned stay abroad of at least one semester during doctoral studies

Doc.CH



Duration

- 2 to 4 years

Eligible costs

- Grantee's own salary (according to the SNSF salary scales for doctoral students)
- Costs directly related to project implementation: material of enduring value, consumables, travel and conference expenses, scientific open access e-publications (articles, digital books), etc.



Submission deadlines

- 10 March 2018 and 10 September 2018 (earliest starting date: ca. 7 months afterwards)



PRIMA

(Promoting Women in Academia)

Aim



- Selective promotion of excellent women researchers who have a potential for an academic career (i.e. to be appointed as a professor)
- Lead your own team to realise your independent research project

Personal requirements



- MD-PhD or PhD
- Applicants without a PhD/MD-PhD: 3 years of research activities as equivalent qualification
- Eligibility window: 2–10 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
- 2 years of postdoctoral research activity
- No formal mobility requirement for submission

Objective requirements

- Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)



PRIMA



Duration

- 5 years (no follow-up grants)



Eligible costs

- Salary of grantee
- Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)



Contribution

- Grantee's own salary determined in agreement with the host institution
- Project funds: max. CHF 750'000 for 5 years



Submission deadline

- 1 November 2018 (earliest starting date: at least 10 months afterwards)

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Ambizione



Aim

- Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland



Personal requirements

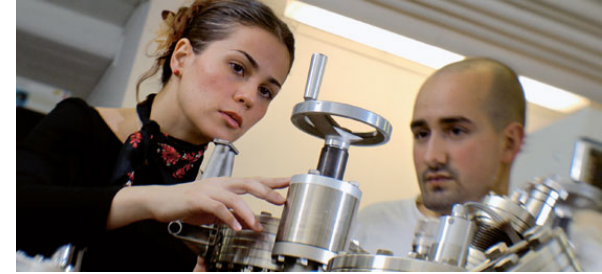
- Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation
- Eligibility window: 1-4 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
- MD: at least 3 years of postgraduate clinical activity; up to 9 years after the medical license



Objective requirements

- Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)
- Medical researchers doing clinical work: 80–90% project and training related to the project, minimum 10% clinical activities

Ambizione



Duration

- 4 years (no follow-up grants)



Eligible costs: the SNSF offers two kinds of grants

- **Ambizione grant with salary:** salary of grantee and project funds
- **Ambizione project grant:** only project funds
- Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)
- Candidates with sufficient experience may apply for a PhD student



Contribution

- Grantee's salary (if applicable) determined in agreement with the host institution
- Project funds: max. CHF 400'000 for 4 years



Submission deadline

- 1 November 2018 (earliest starting date: September 2019)



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Eccellenza fellowships/grants

(replaces SNSF professorships)

Aim

- Enable your own team at professorial level to realise your independent research project



Eccellenza fellowships/grants



Eccellenza fellowships (salary of grantee and project funds)

- Eligibility window: 3–8 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
- MD: at least 3 years postgraduate clinical activity; up to 12 years after the medical license
- Postdoctoral research experience of at least 24 months at a different university from that of the dissertation; at least 12 months abroad
- Swiss university degree, Swiss nationality or at least 2 years of research activity in Switzerland



Eccellenza grants (only project funds)

- Assistant professor **with tenure track** in Switzerland
- Employment no earlier than 18 months before the submission deadline or due to commence on the project start date at the latest
- **No requirement on eligibility window or mobility**

Eccellenza fellowships/grants



Objective requirements



- Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)
- **Eccellenza fellowships:** at least 80% research and further scientific education, 20% teaching
- **University of applied sciences:** devote at least 70% to research and further scientific education, 30% teaching
- **Medical researchers doing clinical work:** at least 50% research and training related to the project; up to 50% clinical activities

Eccellenza fellowships/grants



Duration

- 5 years (no follow-up grants)



Eligible costs

- Salary of grantee (assistant professor level; if applicable)
- Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)



Contribution

- **Eccellenza fellowships:** salary of grantee determined in agreement with the host
- **Eccellenza fellowships:** project funds up to CHF 1'000'000 for 5 years
- **Eccellenza project grants:** project funds up to CHF 1'500'000 for 5 years



Submission deadline

- 15 February 2018 (earliest starting date: January 2019)

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Overview eligibility windows



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