



SPIRIT

Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams

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SPIRIT in a nutshell

- Collaborative projects
- Researchers in Switzerland and in partner countries
- 2-step evaluation process
- No thematic restrictions
- Project duration 2-4 years



Aims

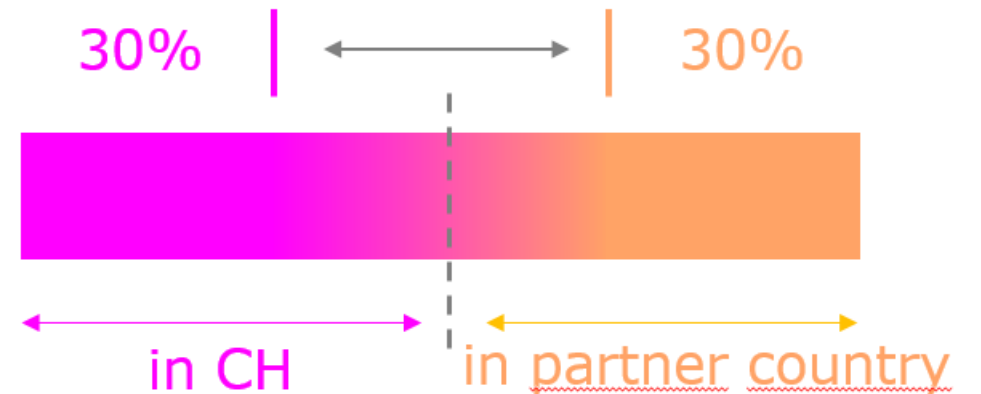
- Foster cross-border collaboration without disciplinary restrictions
- Provide more opportunities for researchers in Switzerland to collaborate with partners in many countries around the world
- Promote gender awareness and equal opportunities
- Contribute to the increase of research capacity in Switzerland and abroad



Duration and Budget



- 2 to 4 years
- Maximum amount: CHF 500'000
- Minimum amount: CHF 50'000
- 30% rule
- Eligible costs:
 - Like in project funding
 - No applicants' salaries in Switzerland and/or in the partner countries



Research teams



- 2 to 4 applicants
 - Applicant 1: researcher in Switzerland
 - Applicant 2: researcher in a partner country
 - (Applicants 3-4: researchers in Switzerland or in a partner country)

Partner countries



- selection based on list of countries receiving development assistance, issued by the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD
- Exceptions
 - Member states of the European Union
 - Countries associated to Horizon 2020, the European Union's 8th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) or subsequent programmes
 - Countries collaborating on a bilateral call with the SNSF
- Complete list available on www.snsf.ch/spirit

Eligibility



- Requirements as in project funding, for applicants in Switzerland and abroad
- Only 1 SPIRIT grant per person and period for all applicants
- Compatible with project funding applications or grants
- No overlap with Ambizione or PRIMA grants
- Eccellenza grantees and SNSF professors may submit a SPIRIT application 2 years after starting the Eccellenza grant or SNSF professorship at the earliest.

Evaluation criteria



- scientific relevance
- originality of the aims and objectives
- suitability of the methodology, feasibility
- track record and expertise of the researchers
- complementarity of the research partners
- contribution to increasing scientific capacities in the relevant research field
- contribution towards raising gender awareness and promoting equal opportunities.

Evaluation procedure



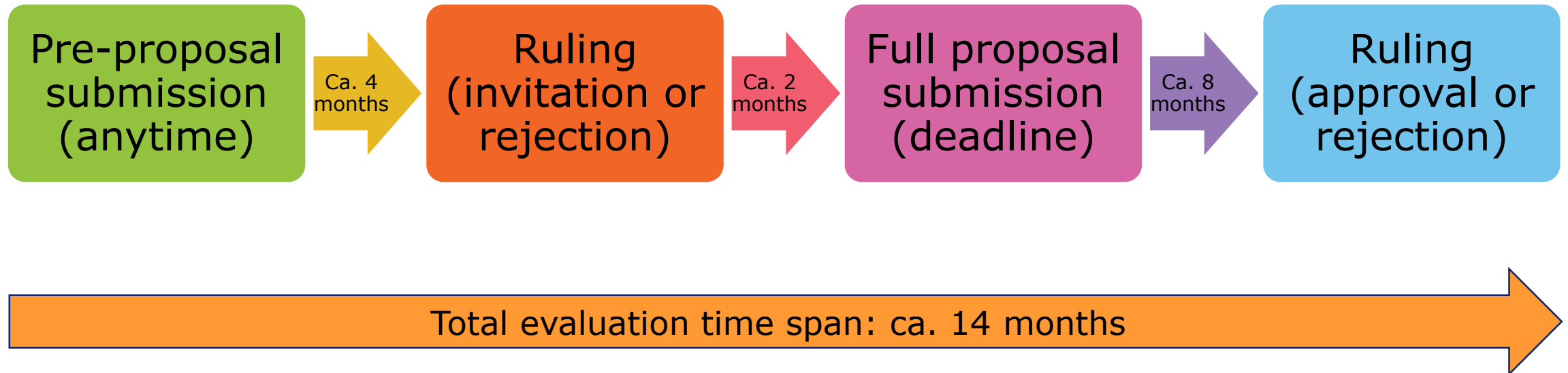
- If proposals are deemed to be equal in terms of their scientific quality, proposals submitted by female applicants, or proposals that show better gender awareness, are given priority
- 2 phases: pre-proposals and full proposals
- Only full proposals are peer reviewed
- Evaluation commission: Pre-proposals and full proposals are evaluated by the SPIRIT Evaluation Commission (SEC)

Submission



- Pre-proposals: anytime
- If pre-proposal is rejected: all applicants are barred from submission for 6 months
- If pre-proposal is assigned to one of the three lowest ranking categories out of six: all applicants are barred from submission for 18 months
- Full proposals: upon invitation after approval of the pre-proposal

Evaluation time span





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