

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the NRP 82 Call

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This document summarizes frequently asked questions and answers about the NRP 82 Call. In case of additional questions or specific enquiries about individual situations, please contact nrp82@snf.ch.

This FAQ is for information purposes only. The [Call document of NRP 82](#), the SNSF [Funding Regulations](#) and the [General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations](#) provide the legal basis for NRP 82.

1 Eligibility of applicants/co-applicants

Is a confirmation of employment required for all applicants during the entire project duration? What if this cannot be provided?

In principle, we need a confirmation of employment of all applicants for the entire duration of the project as they are jointly responsible for the entire project. However, we understand that this is not always practicable for societal actors. In that case, we would request a confirmation of the institutional commitment to the project, latest if the project is accepted for funding.

Can a PostDoc be an “applicant”?

A applicant should be able to show that he/she is working as an independent researcher in Switzerland ([SNSF Funding Regulation](#), Article 10). This is not considered to be the case for a postdoctoral researcher.

Can the federal administration, the cantons and communities (Gemeinden) apply as “societal actors” (co-applicant)?

Yes, a societal actor can belong to any governmental departments of line ministries, local or international governments, as well as extension services.

Is the participation of one person limited to one project?

No, the number of projects a person can participate in is not limited. It should nevertheless be considered that the person should have enough time to devote to each project.

2 Modules and thematic content of applications

Is it necessary to assign the proposal to the research modules? Can an application target different research modules?

In the template for the preparatory phase proposal, you should choose the most relevant research module that your project addresses. You can also indicate which other modules are addressed by your project. There are no limitations to the number of research modules a project can target.

How much and what type of details on the major Research phase should be included in the “preparatory phase proposal”?

You can provide as many details as you wish and feel is needed for the review panel to be able to evaluate the project. You should adhere to the defined criteria for the submission in the template (maximum length, font size, etc...).

Does the Theory of Change need to be addressed in the preparatory phase proposal?

No, a detailed Theory of Change is not requested at preparatory phase level. You should just formulate the intended impact of the proposed project.

3 Cross-border Research projects

Are there guidelines regarding the desired proportion of research in Switzerland vs. studies on the effects of Swiss consumption abroad?

In principle no. The Steering committee reserves the right to ensure that the programme is coherent and provides solutions that are in accordance with the overall goal and contribute to advancement of promotion of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Switzerland.

Can researchers from outside Switzerland be applicants/co-applicants/project partners?

The main applicant should be a researcher holding a position at a Swiss higher education or research institution. Researchers from abroad can only apply as co-applicants. They can also be included as project partners if they only provide a smaller or punctual contribution to the project.

Can societal actors from outside Switzerland be co-applicants/project partners?

No, societal actors from abroad are not allowed as co-applicants. They can only participate as project partners.

4 Submission procedure

Do "societal actors" as co-applicants need to register in mySNF and submit a CV etc.?

Yes, applicants and all co-applicants need to create user accounts in [mySNF](#) and on the [SNSF Portal](#). Applicants and all co-applicants should compile their CVs on the SNSF portal according to the provided specifications and subsequently upload a PDF in the data container "CV and major achievements" in mySNF. We advise applicants to request a mySNF account and to familiarize themselves with the CV format well in advance to avoid last minute surprises.

Societal actors as co-applicants also need to generate a CV according to the SNSF standard template. To do this, the following steps are needed:

- Register for the [SNSF portal](#) as described here: [How do I register for the SNSF Portal?](#)
- Login to the SNSF portal
- Enter the requested information for the CV.

The CV template has been designed for researchers and complies with the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment. The SNSF requires all applicants and co-applicants to submit a CV in this format. For societal actors, please consider the following:

- o ORCID ID: The ORCID number is mandatory (for technical reasons) for being able to generate the CV. Please create an ORCID ID [here](#).
 - o Academic age: this section does not need to be completed if you do not have a PhD.
 - o Major achievements: Describe relevant experience you have for the project. You do not need to cite publications.
- Create your CV, i.e. download the PDF.
 - Upload your CV in your application in mySNF.

Are the letter of support and confirmation regarding the non-commercial purpose of the research needed for applicants and co-applicants?

Yes, applicants and all co-applicants (researchers and societal actors) need to submit a letter of support and a confirmation regarding the non-commercial purpose of the research.

5 Evaluation procedure

Do all the evaluation criteria have the same weight?

Yes, all the evaluation criteria have the same weight.

6 Budgets and eligible costs

Costs are eligible as per Chapter 2 of the [General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations](#).

Are salaries of applicants/co-applicants and project partners eligible for funding?

The salaries of the persons listed as applicants, co-applicants or under project partners are not eligible for funding.

Are personnel costs eligible for research partners and societal actors?

Yes, personnel costs are eligible for both categories as well as for project partners, as long as they do not fund the persons listed as applicant, co-applicants or project partners.

Are there salary bandwidths for costs from societal actors, e.g. salary?

No, but there will be a formal control of the budget submitted and the entered costs will be checked for adequacy.

Can the budget go over CHF 700'000 if this is justified by the breadth of addressed questions/modules and structure of the consortium?

The amount of 700'000CHF is given as a benchmark and should ensure that at least 15 projects can be funded and ensure a sound number of projects for achieving the objectives of this NRP. Nevertheless, if well justified, a higher budget can be requested.

Are salaries eligible for the preparatory phase proposal budget?

The same rules apply as for the project budget. The persons listed as applicants, co-applicants and project partners are not eligible for funding. For the preparatory phase proposal, salary support can be envisaged for a person coordinating the activities

