

Changes to the SNSF Project Funding Scheme

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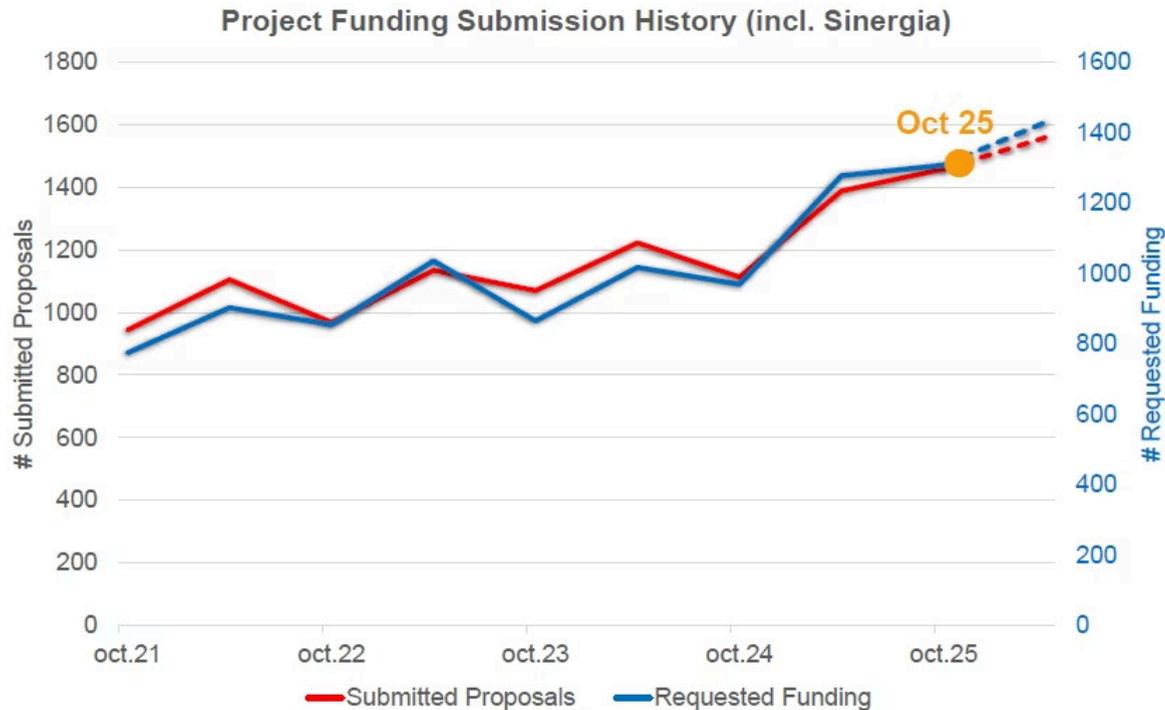
Research Promotion Service

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Background

Why is SNSF changing the rules?



Strong increase in demand since 2021



+55% proposals and +69% requested funding vs Oct 2021



Budget does not match demand; further cuts expected

Source: [SNSF Information Webinar Feb 10](#)

Key New Rules (1): Limits per Researcher

Maximum two simultaneous project funding grants

- One must be Lead Agency / Weave / ICIS

Only one proposal submission per 12 months

- Exception 1: proposal was rejected in random selection
- Exception 2: Lead Agency / Weave project was recommended for funding by SNSF but rejected by the partner organisation

No overlapping grants

- But submission possible up to 18 months before the end of current project

Applicant based abroad only in Lead Agency / Weave / ICIS

- No more applicants based abroad in standard Project Funding grants

Key New Rules (2): Financial Limits

CHF 250K

Average Max per Applicant/Year

CHF 200K

Personnel Costs Cap per
Applicant/Year (avg)

CHF 3M

Maximum per Project

What Counts as an Ongoing Grant?

Includes:

- Ambizione
- Eccellenza
- Practice to Science
- PRIMA
- Projects on health and wellbeing
- Project funding
- Sinergia
- SNSF Starting Grants from call 2025 onwards
- Weave / Lead Agency / International Co-Investigator Scheme

Does not include:

- European Partnerships and other multilateral initiatives
- Agora
- Scientific Exchanges
- and more...

📄 The complete list of schemes not included towards the limit of concurrent grants is available in [this document](#).

Transition Measures

☐ Collaborative grants approved before April 2026 are treated like Lead Agency/Weave projects

- **Grantees may submit a second proposal even if current grant is not Lead Agency/Weave**
- **If they have more than one ongoing grant, they cannot submit another with overlapping duration**
- **12-month submission rule still applies**

Expected Impact



Fewer submissions, funded projects & research personnel



Higher funding rates



Greater diversity in funded research



Reduced wasted effort on high-quality but unfundable proposals



**Questions?
Fragen?**

Danke!
Merci!
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