

INDO-SWISS JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM 2020

Q. What do the five topics mean? There are multiple interpretations for the same topic.

The call is thematically focused on Systems Medicine. In the call document, we provide 5 possible research areas. However, the call is not limited to these areas, and usually left to the researchers to decide if a proposal is suitable for the thematic frame. However, only the evaluation panel will be able to make a decision on its suitability. If there are any doubts in this regard, the applicants can contact SNSF or DBT. The turn-around time for queries is approximately a week.

Q. Are Swiss participants with a prior SNSF application for another project still eligible for applying?

Considering this is an exceptional call, even if a Swiss participant has a running grant, they can submit a second or third project. This is provided that there is no thematic overlap between the multiple projects, and that it can lead to significant contributions to the ISJRP project.

Q. Are hospitals in Switzerland eligible to apply?

Hospitals attached to universities (for eg, the Inselspital in Bern) can apply to the project. Profit oriented hospitals are not entitled to apply. SNSF suggests consultation prior to application.

Q. Is there a checklist of criteria for Swiss applicants?

Applicants must:

- Have obtained a PhD 4 years before the submission date or must have completed three years of research work as their main source of income (total 7 years)
- Be able to carry out a project independently
- Be employed at least by 50% at a Swiss research institution for the duration of the whole project
- Have access to the relevant infrastructure

Eligible Research Institutions:

- Research bodies
- Universities, universities of applied sciences, ETHZ and EPFL (employed by at least 50%)
- Research facilities of national interest (employed by at least 50%)

Self-employed researchers, provided that:

- Research activities are their main source of income and correspond to at least 50% FTE
- The research work is carried out in Switzerland

Non-commercial research centres outside the higher education sector

- Main purpose must be research
- Purpose must be non-profit oriented
- Comparable level and quality of the research

Q. What about data acquisition concerning the research project? .

The ISJRP is based on an Open Science format. Applicants must consult both the Swiss and Indian host institution concerning their internal intellectual property regulations. It is important that an agreement is reached in advance. It is the responsibility of both collaborators to ensure that such an agreement is signed before the project starts. A copy of the agreement is to be sent to DBT and SNSF. Furthermore, data that are used for any publication should be made available as soon as possible – at the latest when publishing the article.

Q. What is the maximum number of participants allowed?

The main and co-applicant must make a substantial contribution to the project. The main applicant in Switzerland is the corresponding applicant and the person who will be in contact with SNSF for administrative issues.