

Ambizione

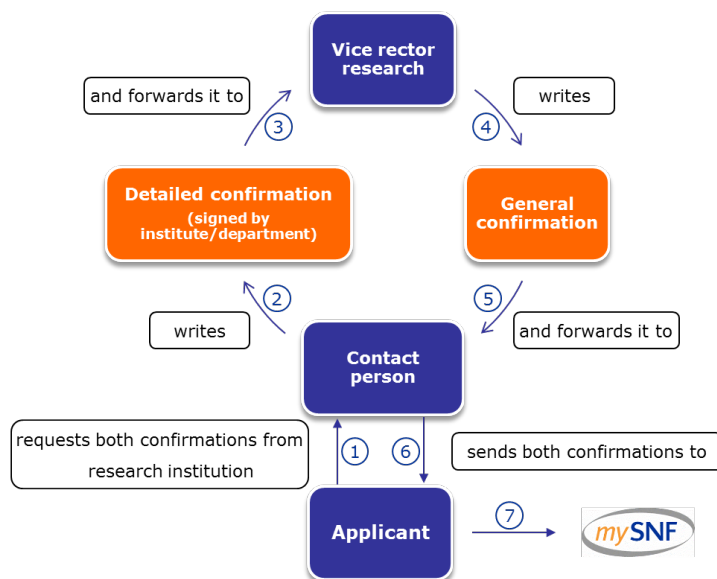
Written confirmation of the research institution

Introductory remarks: The SNSF awards Ambizione grants to young researchers who wish to conduct, manage and lead their own independent project at a Swiss higher education institution or at a research institution outside the higher education sector. Ambizione grants are not intended to simply support additional researchers at postdoctoral level. Only very talented and outstanding young researchers with a high potential for an academic career shall be supported. The SNSF awards the following kinds of Ambizione grants (article 2 of the Ambizione regulations):

- Ambizione grant with salary for the grantee and project funds
- Ambizione project grant (project funds only)

The written confirmation of the research institution consists of two separate letters:

1. Detailed confirmation of the research institution signed by the contact person (head of the research group) named in the application and the head of the institute/department. This letter refers to the obligations which are stated in the Ambizione regulations, in particular article 8 and article 12.
2. General confirmation of the vice rectorate for research (or equivalent).



The directorate of the institute/department should forward the detailed confirmation of the research institution (point 1) to the vice-rectorate for research in order to receive the general confirmation (point 2). Then, the contact person at the research institution should send both confirmations to the applicant for a timely submission of the application.

Both confirmations must follow the text template provided below and be written on paper using the official letterhead of the research institution. They **must be added to the application** and will only be regarded as complete if all the points relevant to the application are addressed.

1. Detailed confirmation of the research institution

The **[name institute/department]** confirms its intention towards **[name applicant]**, to adhere to the obligations listed below should an Ambizione grant be awarded by the SNSF for the proposal entitled **[project title]**.

The research institution commits itself to host the principal investigator (PI) for the duration of the Ambizione grant and to:

- integrate the PI in the research institution and to provide working space;
- support the PI in the management of his/her team and to provide administrative assistance to the PI;
- provide research support to the PI and his/her team members throughout the duration of the project, in particular as regards a commensurate share of the funding of research expenses (e.g. material, equipment, personnel, travel, etc.) and access rights to infrastructures, equipment, and other services as necessary for conducting the research **[please specify]**;
- guarantee the necessary scientific independence of the PI, in particular as regards the:
 - realisation of the project under the scientific guidance of the PI;
 - selection and supervision of other team members;
 - use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives of the project;
 - authority to publish as senior author and to invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work;
- inform the PI about job openings in his/her field of competence.

[The following points should be addressed, IF APPLICABLE]

- For the requested PhD position the due completion of the doctoral thesis is guaranteed on expiry of the grant or in the event of the project being prematurely abandoned (including required financing).
- The official supervisor of the doctoral thesis at **[name institute/department]** will be **[name]**.
- For the requested postdoctoral researcher position at least half of the salary is covered by the research institution.
- *[In case of medical researchers doing clinical work]* **[name applicant]** can devote at least 80 % of the financed work-time percentage to the project and to his/her own further training and up to 20 % (on average during the entire grant period) to clinical work. The salary share for the work-time percentage dedicated to clinical work will be covered by the research institution.
- *[In case of Ambizione project grants]* The position (including the salary) of **[name applicant]** is guaranteed for the requested duration of the project. The work-time percentage is **[value 80 – 100 %]**, with **[value min. 80 %]** dedicated to research and **[value max. 20 %]** dedicated to other activities. The following career path measures and career prospects are associated with the employment: **[please specify]**

[The following points MUST be addressed]

- Statement on the general interest of the research institution with regard to the PI and his/her research project/field as well as possible synergies.

- Statement on the project's autonomy compared to other ongoing research objectives at the research institution.
- **[Further comments if desired]**

[Name, signature; signed by the contact person mentioned in the application and the head of the institute/department]

2. General confirmation of the vice rectorate for research

The executive board of the **[name of the research institution]** supports the application of **[name applicant]** for an Ambizione grant and warrants the necessary conditions for the successful conduct of the research project pursuant to the letter of the **[name institute/department]**.

[Further comments if desired]

[Name, signature; signed by the vice-rector for research or equivalent]

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