

Annex 8: Grants for exemption from teaching duties

(Clause 2.23 General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations); version of 29 October 2024

8.1 Conditions and application

Grants for exemption from teaching duties (Article 8, paragraph 5 of the Project Funding Regulations¹) must be applied for when the project application is made. The following conditions must be fulfilled cumulatively in order for the grants to be awarded:

- a. the project must have a minimum duration of two years;
- b. the grant for exemption from teaching duties relates solely to the applicant;
- c. the application must be a professor, associate professor or assistant professor at a higher education institution or a professor at a university of applied sciences/university of teacher education;
- d. there must be a period of at least four years between any two applications for a grant for exemption from teaching duties;
- e. the higher education institution must consent to the application for a grant for exemption from teaching duties.

8.2 Scope and use of grants

The SNSF will award a grant for exemption from teaching duties in the amount of CHF 6,000 for one semester hour per week up to a maximum of CHF 24,000 for four semester hours per week. Only one application may be approved per project. The hours covered by the exemption grant may be spread across one or two semesters. Costs incurred in excess of the approved amount will not be paid by the SNSF. The grants may not be used for any purpose other than exemption from teaching duties.

8.3 Reporting²

8.4 Pilot project³

¹ [Regulations on project funding](#)

² Repealed based on the decision of the Presiding Board of the Research Council of 29 October 2024, in force as of 1 January 2025.

³ Repealed based on the decision of the National Research Council of 12 December 2018, in force with immediate effect.