

Practice-to-Science 2020: Results of the 1st call

As part of a pilot project, the SNSF implemented the Practice-to-Science funding scheme that seeks to promote competitiveness in application-oriented research. Practice-to-Science grants are aimed at qualified experts with proven practical experience who wish to join a university of applied sciences or a university of teacher education as assistant professors. The time-limited positions offer the opportunity of obtaining higher qualifications and converting to a permanent position.

In July 2020, 104 applications were submitted for the 1st Practice-to-Science call (Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS): 55 applications; Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM): 38 applications; Life Sciences (LS): 11 applications). For the second phase, 20 candidatures were considered. These candidates were invited to an interview to present their project.

In December 2020, the SNSF awarded 11 Practice-to-Science grants (HSS: 7; STEM: 3; LS: 1). 7 Swiss research institutions will be involved when the grant awardees begin their work. The targeted 35 % share of female grantees was achieved with 6 grants awarded (54.4%). Information about the next call will be available on the Practice-to-Science website by the end of March 2021.

Evaluation

Practice-to-Science, call 2020

	Submitted applications	Candidatures considered for phase 2	Awarded grants
HSS	55	10	7
STEM	38	9	3
LS	11	1	1
Total	104	20	11

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