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Call for COST Projects in Switzerland 2025

COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology



1 Introduction

- ¹ COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) aims at enabling breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products. It thereby contributes to strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacities. COST brings together European researchers from different COST countries to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all science and technology fields through trans-European cooperation. COST encourages and fosters interdisciplinary approaches by integrating researchers from different fields and horizons such as universities, universities of applied sciences, research centres, companies, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as other relevant actors.
- ² COST activities are carried out in the form of networks, called COST Actions, which are essentially coordinated research endeavours. COST Actions are the result of an international bottom-up programming process. A COST Action lasts for four years. COST does not fund research itself, but supports networking via different tools such as meetings, short-term scientific exchanges, training schools and dissemination activities as parts of COST Actions. Research funding has to be provided by national funding sources.
- ³ For many years, Switzerland has been highly committed to scientific cooperation in the framework of COST. The research related to COST Actions is funded through various sources. Researchers based in Switzerland are entitled to apply at the SNSF for funding. This funding is intended as specific support to COST Actions. This should also enable young researchers to establish broad international networks at an early stage of their career.
- ⁴ This call covers research proposals that are actively related to the COST Actions, CA211##, CA221## and CA231## given in the Annex. At the time of the submission of the project proposal, all applicants have to prove active participation in one of these COST Actions. They are either member of the Action's Management Committee, member of a working group, or other types of active involvement.

2 Guiding principles for COST Projects

- ^{1.} Through COST Projects, salaries of employees engaged for the project and research costs can be funded. The guiding principles for COST Projects are:
- a. The project is embedded in an eligible COST Action (see the Annex);
- b. The "Funding Regulations" and the "General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations" of the SNSF¹ are applicable, therefore, in particular,
 - i. The research is carried out in Switzerland²;
 - ii. The project only involves scientific research and does not follow directly commercial purposes³.

¹ <u>http://www.snsf.ch</u> > Funding > How to > Funding Regulations

² See art. 10 of the SNSF Funding Regulations

³ See art. 13 of the SNSF Funding Regulations



3 Proposal details

3.1 Eligibility criteria for applicants

¹ Only applicants based in Switzerland are eligible, and must meet the eligibility criteria of the SNSF. The <u>SNSF Funding Regulations</u>, the <u>General implementation regulations</u> and the <u>Regulations on Project Funding</u> are applicable mutatis mutandis where not stated otherwise.

²An applicant can submit a proposal even if she or he holds any other SNSF grant or has applied for one, provided the research projects clearly address separate topics or pursue different project goals in the context of programmes; and the applicants are in a position to make substantial contributions to each of the research projects⁴.

- ³ Applicants must hold a doctorate and have at least one year of subsequent research experience or have equivalent qualifications (a minimum of four years in total of a primary research activity since obtaining a higher education degree) at the moment of submission.
- ⁴ Applicants may only submit one proposal per submission date.
- ⁵ Researchers can hold at most one COST Project associated with any given COST Action.

3.2 Project partners

¹ Project partners are researchers who make a partial contribution to a research project through cooperation without being responsible for the project. Their contribution does not serve any commercial purposes. In particular, researchers at higher education institutions, public institutions and non-profit organisations may be accepted as project partners, also if they are located outside Switzerland. Researchers who participate in the same COST Action as the one of the applicant can also be accepted as project partners if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of project partners. They may not refer to the support received from the SNSF as a grant they have acquired themselves.

² The costs generated by project partners must be of minor significance compared to the total budget for the project. They should generally correspond to no more than 20% of the overall grant.

3.3 Fundable research

Proposals can be made in any field of scientific research covered by the COST Actions given in the Annex. In particular, submission of proposals of an interdisciplinary nature, which cross the boundaries between different fields of research, pioneering proposals addressing new and emerging fields of research or proposals introducing unconventional, innovative approaches and scientific inventions are encouraged.

3.4 Duration and start of the grant

- ¹ The maximum duration of the projects is 48 months.
- ² The earliest possible start date is 1 January 2026. Projects should start within 6 months after the funding decision, in order to be aligned as well as possible with the associated COST Action.

⁴ See art. 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations



3.5 Funding

¹ The maximum funding for a four-year project is CHF 400,000.

² Eligible costs:

- a. Salaries, social security contributions and other salary related costs for the employees engaged for the project;
- Research funds: all funds needed to carry out the project, such as material of enduring value (equipment), consumables necessary for the proposed work, collaboration costs (only if not covered by the COST Action), and field expenses;
- c. Costs generated by project partners, subcontracting costs and costs to access large facilities owned by third parties that are not used on the grantees' premises (maximum 20% of the overall grant).

³ Ineligible costs:

- a. The applicants' own salary;
- b. The salaries of the project partners;

4 Submission procedure

- ¹ Proposals must be submitted via the SNSF Portal (COST 2025) and in English, since they will be evaluated by internationally recognized experts. See also the <u>guidelines</u> for submitting a proposal in the SNSF Portal and note that all applicants and project partners need to register for the SNSF Portal (see "How do I register for the SNSF Portal?").
- ² Pre-registration: In order to facilitate the composition of the evaluation panel, applicants are strongly encouraged to create their COST Project proposal on the SNSF Portal by **12 March 2025** and to indicate the COST Action associated with the proposal, the disciplines and an outline summary of the planned research. Only the proposal section "Summary" with the above-mentioned information must be completed by this pre-registration deadline, the proposal does not need to be submitted, and can be further processed after this deadline.
- ³ The research plan must not exceed 12 pages and 48,000 characters (with spaces); this includes everything except the bibliography (see Annex 2).
- ⁴The applicants must use the new standardized CV of the SNSF.⁵
- ⁵ The submission deadline for COST Project proposals is **29 April 2025, 17:00** Swiss local time.

⁵ http://www.snsf.ch > Funding > How to > CV format



5 Evaluation

5.1 Evaluation process

- ¹The SNSF Administrative Offices does not consider proposals that do not meet all formal requirements.
- ² The SNSF asks external experts to provide a written scientific assessment of the proposal.
- ³ An international multidisciplinary panel evaluates the proposals, also based on the written scientific assessments provided by the external experts.
- ⁴ The SNSF Research Council approves COST projects based on the outcome of the scientific evaluation and the available finances.
- ⁵ The evaluation results will be communicated to the applicants at the latest by mid-December 2025.

5.2 Evaluation criteria

- ¹ The criteria used to evaluate the scientific quality and relevance of the proposals are
- a. Scientific relevance, originality and topicality;
- b. Added value through participation in the respective COST Action;
- c. Suitability of methods and feasibility;
- d. Applicants' scientific track record and expertise.
- ² For proposals in use-inspired basic research, the project's broader impact is considered in the evaluation.

6 Implementation of COST Projects

6.1 Grants

¹ COST Project grants are awarded and managed according to the applicable rules of the SNSF, in particular according to the Funding Regulations of the SNSF and its Implementation Regulations.

6.2 Reporting

- ¹ Grantees of COST Project grants are obliged to submit to the SNSF reports in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the SNSF.
- ² In particular, output data must be provided 18 months after the start of the project at the latest and a final report upon conclusion of a project.

6.3 Publication of research results

- ¹ Grantees are obliged to meet the requirements regarding open access and open data of the SNSF.
- ² Grantees are obliged to mention the SNSF grant in all scientific publications and communication activities relating to research projects, particularly in press releases.



- ³ Grantees must use the phrase "funded by the SNSF" if the project is being or has been funded with an SNSF grant. The SNSF logo⁶ must be placed alongside the said phrase whenever possible. It should also appear in all other forms of publication, such as presentations, posters, conferences, brochures, papers and books.
- ⁴ The financial support provided by the SNSF as well as the support through COST/the COST Action should be acknowledged. This may imply a written acknowledgment and/or visible SNSF and COST logos: 'The research leading to these results was funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation under the programme "COST" n° [xxxxxxx], COST Action "number" and "title".

7 Contact persons and information

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For specific questions related to the <u>SNSF Portal</u> (https://portal.snf.ch/), please contact the support team via the SNF Service Portal (SNF Service Portal – Jira Service Management) or telephone:

• Tel. +41 31 308 22 00

Please note that all participating researchers need an account to fill in and submit the proposal.

Link:

www.mysnf.ch

https://portal.snf.ch/core/landing-page

⁶ www.snf.ch > About us > Contact > Logo SNSF



8 Annex 1: Eligible COST Actions, CA211##, CA221##, and CA231##

More information about these Actions can be found here:

https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions/browse-actions/

Action	Titre de l'Action
CA21101	CONFINED MOLECULAR SYSTEMS: FROM A NEW GENERATION OF MATERIALS TO
	THE STARS
CA21102	Toolkit of Care
CA21103	Implementation of Circular Economy in the Built Environment
CA21104	Pan-European Network for Sustainable Hydropower
CA21105	Blastocystis under One Health
CA21106	COSMIC WISPers in the Dark Universe: Theory, astrophysics and experiments
CA21107	Work inequalities in later life redefined by digitalization
CA21108	European Network for Skin Engineering and Modeling
CA21109	Cartan geometry, Lie, Integrable Systems, quantum group Theories for Applications
CA21110	Building an open European Network on OsteoArthritis research
CA21111	One Health drugs against parasitic vector borne diseases in Europe and beyond
CA21112	Offshore freshened groundwater: An unconventional water resource in coastal regions?
CA21113	Genome Editing to Treat Humans Diseases
CA21114	CLIL Network for Languages in Education: Towards bi- and multilingual disciplinary litera-
	cies
CA21115	Iron-sulphur (FeS) clusters: from chemistry to immunology
CA21116	Identification of biological markers for prevention and translational medicine in pancreatic
	cancer
CA21117	The role of IMMUnity in tackling PARKinson's disease through a Translational NETwork
CA21118	Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab
CA21119	International network for harmonization of atmospheric aerosol retrievals from ground
	based photometers
CA21120	History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migra-
CA21121	tion Furgueon Network for the Mechanics of Metter at the Nane Scale
	European Network for the Mechanics of Matter at the Nano-Scale
CA21122	PROmoting GeRiAtric Medicine IN countries where it is still eMerGing
CA21123	Cancer- Understanding Prevention in Intellectual Disabilities
CA21124	LIFT: Lifting farm animal lives – laying the foundations for positive animal welfare
CA21125	A European forum for revitalisation of marginalised mountain areas
CA21126	Carbon molecular nanostructures in space
CA21127	Techno-economic analysis of carbon mitigation technologies
CA21128	PROton BOron Nuclear fusion: from energy production to medical applicatiOns



CA21129	What are Opinions? Integrating Theory and Methods for Automatically Analyzing Opinionated Communication
CA21130	P2X receptors as a therapeutic opportunity
CA21131	Enabling multilingual eye-tracking data collection for human and machine language processing research
CA21132	European Swine Influenza Network
CA21133	Globalization, Illicit Trade, Sustainability and Security
CA21134	Towards zer0 Pesticide AGRIculture : European Network for sustainability
CA21135	Modelling immunotherapy response and toxicity in cancer
CA21136	Addressing observational tensions in cosmology with systematics and fundamental phys-
	ics
CA21137	Ethics in Dementia
CA21138	Joint effects of CLimate Extremes and Atmospheric depositioN on European FORESTs
CA21139	3Rs concepts to improve the quality of biomedical science
CA21140	Interception of oral cancer development
CA21141	Grassroots of Digital Europe: from Historic to Contemporary Cultures of Creative Computing
CA21142	Fruit tree Crop REsponses to Water deficit and decision support Systems applications
CA21143	Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe
CA21144	SUPERCONDUCTING NANODEVICES AND QUANTUM MATERIALS FOR COHERENT MANIPULATION
CA21145	European Network for diagnosis and treatment of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections
CA21146	Fundamentals and applications of purple bacteria biotechnology for resource recovery from waste
CA21147	European Network on Optimising Treatment with Therapeutic Antibodies in chronic inflammatory diseases
CA21148	Research and International Networking on Emerging Inorganic Chalcogenides for Photovoltaics
CA21149	Reducing acrylamide exposure of consumers by a cereals supply-chain approach targeting asparagine
CA21150	Parental Leave Policies and Social Sustainability
CA21151	GENERATION OF HUMAN INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS FROM HAPLO-SE- LECTED CORD BLOOD SAMPLES
CA21152	Implementation Network Europe for Cancer Survivorship Care
CA21153	Network for implementing multiomics approaches in atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease prevention and research
CA21154	Translational control in Cancer European Network
CA21155	Advanced Composites under HIgh STRAin raTEs loading: a route to certification-by-analy-
	sis
CA21156	european network for FOstering Large-scale ImplementAtion of energy GEostructure
CA21157	European Network for Innovative Woody Plant Cloning



CA21158	Enhancing Small-Medium IsLands resilience by securing the sustainability of Ecosystem Services
CA21159	Understanding interaction light - biological surfaces: possibility for new electronic materials and devices
CA21160	Non-globular proteins in the era of Machine Learning
CA21161	A new ecosystem of early music studies
CA21162	Establishing a Pan-European Network on Computational Redesign of Enzymes
CA21163	Text, functional and other high-dimensional data in econometrics: New models, methods, applications
CA21164	Towards an improvement in diagnostics and treatment strategies for TB control
CA21165	Personalized medicine in chronic kidney disease: improved outcome based on Big Data
CA21166	Social Sciences and Humanities for Transformation and Climate Resilience
CA21167	Universality, diversity and idiosyncrasy in language technology
CA21168	Improving outcome of Juvenile Inflammatory Rheumatism via universally applicable clinical practice strategies
CA21169	Information, Coding, and Biological Function: the Dynamics of Life
CA21170	Prevention, anticipation and mitigation of tick-borne disease risk applying the DAMA proto- col
CA22101	Cultural Expertise Junior Network
CA22102	European Network In CHEmical Ecology: translating the language of life into sustainability
CA22103	A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK AGAINST BRAIN CANCER
CA22104	Behavioral Next Generation in Wireless Networks for Cyber Security
CA22105	BEekeeping products valorization and biomonitoring for the SAFEty of BEEs and HONEY
CA22106	Migrant Disaster Victim Identification
CA22107	Bringing Experiment and Simulation Together in Crystal Structure Prediction
CA22108	Wildlife Malaria Network
	Medicinal plants for animal health care: Translating tradition into modern veterinary medi-
CA22109	cine
	Cooperation, development and cross-border transfer of Industrial Symbiosis among indus-
CA22110	try and stakeholders
	A European consortium to determine how complex, real-world environments influence
CA22111	brain development
CA22112	European Network on Livestock Phenomics
CA22113	Fundamental challenges in theoretical physics
	Maternal Perinatal Stress and Adverse Outcomes in the Offspring: Maximising infants'de-
CA22114	velopment
0400445	A Multilingual Repository of Phraseme Constructions in Central and Eastern European
CA22115	Languages The Creek Loop Multidiscipling an approach as to book incorpolities, 4000,0000
CA22116	The Great Leap. Multidisciplinary approaches to health inequalities, 1800-2022
CA22117	A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds
CA22118	Radionuclide theragnostics for personalised medicine
CA22119	Haemoglobinopathies in European Liaison of Medicine and Science



CA22120	A European Network to Leverage the Multi-Age Workforce
	Rising nationalisms, shifting geopolitics and the future of European higher education/re-
CA22121	search openness
CA22122	Rethinking the Blue Economy: Socio-Ecological Impacts and Opportunities
CA22123	European Materias Acceleration Center for Energy
	EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, re-
CA22124	pairing
CA22125	Precision medicine in biliary tract cancer
CA22126	European Network On Lexical Innovation
	COllaboratively DEveloped culturallY Appropriate and inclusive Assessment tool for Pallia-
CA22127	tive Care EDUcation
	Establishing Networks to Implement the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investiga-
CA22128	tions
CA22129	InsectAI - Using Image-based AI for Insect Monitoring & Conservation
CA22130	Comprehensive Multiboson Experiment-Theory Action
CA22131	Supramolecular LUminescent Chemosensors for Environmental Security
CA22132	Open Network on DEM Simulations
CA22133	The birth of solar systems
	Sustainable Network for agrofood loss and waste prevention, management, quantification
CA22134	and valorisation
CA22135	Data Matters: Sociotechnical Challenges of European Migration and Border Control
CA22136	Pan-European Network of Green Deal Agriculture and Forestry Earth Observation Science
CA22137	Randomised Optimisation Algorithms Research Network
CA22138	Recovery of Mining District Network
CA22139	Justice to youth language needs: human rights undermined by an invisible disadvantage
CA22140	Improved Knowledge Transfer for Sustainable Insect Breeding
CA22141	Integrated DSS for delivery of ecosystem services based on EU forest policies
CA22142	Beneficial rOOt-associated microorganisms for SusTainable agriculture
CA22143	European Materials Informatics Network
CA22144	Sustainable use of salt-affected lands
CA22145	Computational Techniques for Tabletop Games Heritage
CA22146	Harnessing the potential of underutilized crops to promote sustainable food production
	European metal-organic framework network: combining research and development to pro-
CA22147	mote technological solutions
CA22148	An international network for Non-linear Extreme Ultraviolet to hard X-ray techniques
CA22149	Research Network for Interdisciplinary Studies of Transhistorical Deliberative Democracy
CA22150	Comparative Research on the Executive Triangle in Europe
	Cyber-Physical systems and digital twins for the decarbonisation of energy-intensive in-
CA22151	dustries
CA22152	Supporting emerging care economy, empowering caregivers to provide safe care at home
CA22153	European Curvature and Biology Network



	Data-driven Applications towards the Engineering of functional Materials: an Open Net-
CA22154	work
CA22155	EU-PoTaRCh – a network for forest by-products charcoal, resin, tar, potash
CA22156	Transformations international Experience and Research network for Sustainable futures
CA22157	Reproductive Enhancement of CROP resilience to extreme climate
	Exploiting Plant-Microbiomes Networks and Synthetic Communities to improve Crops Fit-
CA22158	ness
CA22159	National, International and Transnational Histories of Healthcare, 1850-2000
	Enhancing knowledge of BIOmolecular solutions for the well-being of European AQUAcul-
CA22160	ture sector
CA22161	Future of plant-based food: Bridging the gap of new proteins and FLAVOURsome
	FUTUREforMED: A TRANSDISCIPLINARY NETWORK TO BRIDGE CLIMATE SCIENCE
CA22162	AND IMPACTS
CA22163	Solving bottlenecks in eel reproduction to support sustainable aquaculture
CA22164	european Network on Extreme fiRe behaviOr
0400405	Redressing Radical Polarisation: Strengthening European Civil Spheres facing Illiberal
CA22165	Digital Media
CA22166	Safety in the Game Meat Chain
CA22167	Participatory Approaches with Older Adults
CA22168	Physical layer security for trustworthy and resilient 6G systems
CA22169	EUropean network to tackle METAbolic alterations in HEART failure
CA22170	TEndon Regeneration NETwork
CA23101	Building Opportunities for Participation and Accessibility through lifelong community Mobil-
CA23101 CA23102	Linking euroscepticism and populism: causes and consequences
CA23102 CA23103	Life, liberty and health: ensuring universal protection of human rights at sea
CA23103	Mainstreaming water reuse into the circular economy paradigm
CA23104 CA23105	Language Plurality in Europe's Changing Media Sphere
CA23105 CA23106	An Evolutionary View to Understanding Affective States across Species
CA23100	Network for Evidence Synthesis in The Agri-Food Sector
CA23107	Seasonal-to-decadal climate predictability in the Mediterranean: process understanding
CA23108	and services
CA23109	Fatigue Benchmark Repository
07.20100	International networking on in vitro colon models simulating gut microbiota mediated inter-
CA23110	actions
CA23111	Searching for Nanostructured or pOre fOrming Peptides for therapY
CA23112	Critical perspectives on career and career guidance
CA23113	Climate change impacts on mental health in Europe
	Regaining linkage? Digital technologies improving civic engagement, political organisa-
CA23114	tions and democracy
CA23115	Relativistic Quantum Information



CA23116	Open Palaeoecological Data - analysing the past building foresight
CAZSTIO	Connecting Critical Pedagogies, Inclusive Art Forms and Alternative Barometers for Urban
CA23117	Sustainability
<u> </u>	Futures-oriented Governance of Outer Space: Towards Peace, Equity, and Environmental
CA23118	Integrity
CA23119	SENESCENCE2030: Targeting Cell Senescence to Prevent Age- Related Diseases
CA23120	Religious Identity, Bullying and Wellbeing at School: A Transnational Collaboration
CA23121	Genetic Nature Observation and Action
CA23122	Utilizing 10,000 genomes of European Lepdioptera
CA23123	Non-chemical weed management in medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs)
CA23124	Social, biological and climatic impacts of salt ages
CA23125	The mETamaterial foRmalism approach to recognize cAncer
CA23126	AlertHub: Warning Communication Knowledge Network
CA23127	Group on Insect Nutrition: To Open Nutritional Innovative Challenges
	Connecting Landscape Architecture Archives to enhance European landscape practice,
CA23128	research and education
CA23129	Peace Research Community Europe
CA23130	Bridging high and low energies in search of quantum gravity
	ISO compatible, efficient and reproducible protocols/equipment for mICro-nanoPLASTIC
CA23131	detection through machine-learning
CA23132	Magnetic Particle Imaging for next-generation theranostics and medical research
0.00400	Large-scale Interdisciplinary Alliance on Nature-based SoLutions and Health: Indicators,
CA23133	InequalitY and Innovation
CA23134	Topological textures in condensed matter
CA23135	Bringing Digital Data and Reality Together - Augmented Reality in Forestry
CA23136	Magnetism and chirality: twisting spins, light, and lattices for fasterthan-ever spintronics
CA23137	Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe 1500–1800
CA23138	Port City Territories in Action: A collaborative Laboratory for Inclusive Energy Transition
CA23139	Network for Indoor Air Cleaning
CA23140	Boost and secure ATMP for BURN patient
CA23141	Managing Artificial Intelligence in Archaeology
CA22142	Developing Knowledge involved in diagnosis and control of human-diseases related to
CA23142	Pneumocystis Participation through Prover in the Lete Medieval and Farly Medern World
CA23143	Participation through Prayer in the Late Medieval and Early Modern World
CA23144	Europe's Representations of India: Texts, Images, and Encounters
CA23145	Architectural and Urban Ambiances of European Cities
CA23146	European vascular liver diseases network (EURO-VALDI-NET)
CA23147	Global Network on Large-Scale, Cross-domain and Multilingual Open Knowledge Graphs
CA23148	European Network for the Integrative Approach of Urban Forestry
CA23149	Democratization at stake? Comparing Anti-Gender Politics in CEE and NME countries
CA23150	pan-EUROpean BloGeodynamics network



CA23151	Mediterranean Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis Network
CA23152	Building Consensus on Biofilm Regulatory Decision Making
CA23153	Digital Mental Health for Young People
CA23154	Environmental impact of anthelmintics in livestock and alternatives to minimize their use
CA23155	A pan-European network of Ocean Tribology
CA23156	European Network for Sigma-1 Receptor as a Therapeutic Opportunity
CA23157	European Network for Multiple View Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment
CA23158	Artistic Intelligence - Responsiveness, accessibility, responsibility, equity
CA23159	Decarbonising Waterborne Transportation
CA23160	Effective Lake management: reducing cyanobacteria by actions in the catchment



Annex 2: Guidelines for writing the research plan (scientific part of the proposal)

Proposals must be submitted **in English** since they will be evaluated by internationally recognized experts.

The research plan must **not exceed 12 pages and 48,000 characters with spaces**; this includes title, footnotes, illustrations, formulae, tables (and, if applicable, the table of contents), but not the bibliography. A minimum of point 10 font size and 1.5 line spacing must be used. The research plan may not contain any annexed documents.

The research plan needs to be structured as follows:

1. Research plan

1.1 Current state of research in the field

Describe your project in the context of the current state of knowledge in your field. Make reference to the most important publications, particularly by other authors. Please describe:

- Which previous insights provided the starting point and basis for the planned studies
- In which areas research is needed, and why
- Which important, relevant research projects are currently underway in Switzerland and abroad.

1.2 Current state of own research

Please present the research work you have already undertaken in the relevant field, describe the results obtained so far as well as the relevance of these preliminary undertakings for your project. For a follow-up to an already approved project, please report on the work conducted within the scope of the previous project and the results obtained.

1.3 Detailed research plan

Based on the information provided under 1.1 and 1.2, please specify the approach you are taking and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve in the period of funding.

- Describe the studies and experiments envisaged to reach the set goals. Assess the risks involved and propose alternatives if necessary.
- Characterise existing sources and data and describe the data collection strategy and possible alternative strategies.
- Explain the role of each member of the research team (incl. applicants, employees, project partners and other collaborations).

Your description should be as detailed as is necessary to enable an expert to assess whether your methodology is appropriate and your project feasible. Please refer to the work described here in the budget you submit via the SNSF Portal.



1.4 Schedule and milestones

Please compile a schedule that includes the most important milestones.

1.5 Scientific relevance

Please describe the expected impacts of your project for the discipline and for science as a whole (research and education/teaching). Please mention the form in which you wish to publish your research results (articles in scientific journals, monographs, conference papers, etc.).