

Practice-to-Science: results of the second call for proposal

The SNSF launched a call for Practice-to-Science grants as part of a pilot project aiming to promote competition in use-inspired research fields. The grants are aimed at qualified experts with sound practical experience who wish to return to academia as assistant professors at a university of applied sciences or a university of teacher education. These time-limited positions offer the opportunity of obtaining higher qualifications or a permanent position.

In July 2021, 50 applications were submitted in the second Practice-to-Science call (Humanities & Social Sciences HSS: 17 applications; Science Technology Engineering Mathematics STEM: 27 applications; Life Sciences LS: 6 applications). 16 applications were selected for the second phase and the respective applicants invited for an interview, where they presented their project.

In February 2022, the SNSF eventually awarded 11 Practice-to-Science grants (HSS: 3; STEM: 7; LS: 1). The recipients will take up their work at 6 Swiss host institutions. Information about the next call for proposals will be published on the Practice-to-Science website by the end of 2022.

Evaluation

	Applications submitted	Applications admitted to phase 2	Grants awarded
HSS	17	5	3
STEM	27	9	7
LS	6	2	1
Total	50	16	11

Table: Practice-to-Science, call for proposals 2021