

### Africa Regional Call Collaborative Research Action

# Belmont Forum Africa Regional Call (ARC) 2024

#### **Annex for Swiss National Science Foundation**

Applicants in Switzerland are advised to reach out to the respective point of contact at the SNSF in order to check whether they are eligible to apply and what costs are eligible before submitting the complete application. Please note that Swiss applicants must submit an application to <a href="majority">mySNF</a> in parallel to the FULL proposal submission to Belmont Forum.

| Duration of project:   | 3 years   |
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| Country/(ies) supported  | Natural persons carrying out scientific research in an eligible institution in Switzerland are eligible to submit an application according to the SNSF Funding Regulations.   |
| Description/qualifications of eligible participants                  | All applicants in Switzerland must meet the eligibility requirements of the SNSF. The SNSF Funding Regulations, the General implementation regulations and the Regulations on Project Funding are applicable or applicable mutatis mutandis. Please note that private companies are not eligible for funding. |
| Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium | Applications for grants are submitted by individuals (applicants) and per consortium only one participation from Switzerland can be funded.   |
| Type of contribution + amount o contribution                         | f Monetary – CHF 1.2 mio (for information: ~ € 1.2 mio)   |
| Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher    | 3-year project: max CHF 300'000   |
| Use of funds   | <ul> <li>Eligible costs are defined as follows (aligned with Article 7, paragraph 1 of the Regulations on Project Funding):</li> <li>Salaries of scientific and technical staff in research projects within the scope of the salary ranges and rates prescribed by the SNSF;</li> </ul>                       |

- Material costs that are directly related to the research work, namely material of enduring value, expendable items, field expenses, travel expenses, third-party charges, cost of computing time and data as well as of providing open access to research data;
- Direct costs incurred through the use of research infrastructure linked to the research work;
- Costs for the organisation of conferences and workshops in connection with the funded research;
- Costs for national and international cooperation and networking activities carried out in connection with the funded research.

Swiss applicants may not apply for their own salaries.

As of 1 April 2018, fees for open access publications are no longer eligible costs within SNSF grants and have to be requested separately via mySNF. Please visit www.snf.ch/oa for further information.

Researchers from third countries, who make a partial contribution to the project without being responsible for the project can be included as project partners, but their costs should correspond to no more than 20% of the overall Swiss budget.

However, please note that project partners who are located in a country participating in the Africa Regional Call cannot be included in the consortia. They should be declared as consortium partners instead and apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.

Overhead contributions are not an eligible cost. They are calculated based on the total research funding given to a particular institution through all SNSF funding instruments and are paid directly to the applicant's institution on a yearly basis.

#### Specific themes within the call

No specific themes of preference.

The SNSF awards funding grants for scientific research, particularly basic research. Research conducted for directly commercial purposes will not be funded.

Applicants who wish to conduct the planned research in collaboration with a commercially oriented institution as project partner must be able to prove to the SNSF that the principles of research freedom, research independence





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|                          | and freedom to publish will be upheld (Please contact the SNSF).   |
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| Where to submit proposal | The main application must be submitted to www.bfgo.org.  |
|                          | Applicants based in Switzerland must submit a parallel administrative application via the online submission system <a href="mySNF">mySNF</a> for the same deadline as the consortium applications are submitted (only for FULL proposal). For an eligibility check, please reach out to the SNSF contact point before submission.  |
| Additional information   | Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules.   |
|                          | Applicants can submit a proposal to the CRA Africa Regional Call even if they hold another SNSF grant or have applied for one. Moreover, grantees may submit proposals to all SNSF funding schemes during the funding period of an Africa Regional Call project, provided that there is no substantial thematic overlap. Please note that the present call is not in conflict with the restrictions applicable to the SNSF's national project funding in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulations on Project Funding. |
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