

Belmont Forum and FACCE-JPI International Opportunities Fund

National Annex: Switzerland

Partners: This call is supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the overall budget earmarked by the Swiss National Science Foundation will be for:
Food Security and Land Use Change, Call 1 Type 2 (start in 2013): up to 800'000 Euro (according to exchange rates at time of funding).

The official national call announcement for Switzerland has been published on the www.nrp68.ch and www.nrp69.ch websites. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the <http://igfagcr.org/index.php/iof-home-page> website. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Swiss enquiries please see below.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

National Eligibility Rules

Eligibility criteria and eligible costs must adhere to the standard rules and guidelines of the Swiss National Science Foundation (Funding regulations art. 8 and 13, 14 and 19).

National Eligibility Costs

Applicants may not apply for payment of their own salaries. Eligible costs comprise:

- personnel costs (salaries and social security contributions for scientific and technical staff),
- research costs (expendable items and maintenance, travel costs and field expenses, conference- and workshop-related costs), and

All eligible costs must be linked to the project (Funding regulations, art. 19; General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations, chapter 3). If you wish to have positions for doctoral candidates covered by the grant, please refer to the salary rates of the SNSF. If you wish to have postdoctoral or technical posts covered by the grant, please refer to the SNSF salary rates of your institution. If your institution does not have its own salary rates, please contact one of the financial officers of the Programmes Division of the SNSF.

Compliance with the goals of National Research Programmes

Projects with Swiss partners have to be in compliance with the goals of either the National Research Programme "Sustainable Use of Soil as a Resource" (NRP 68) or "Healthy Nutrition and Sustainable Food Production" (NRP 69). Proposals must reflect one of the programme's objectives and comply with its overall framework. To ensure the compliance with the goals of NRPs, all **pre-proposals with Swiss partners** will be subjected to the corresponding Steering Committee for a suitability check. This eligibility check is carried out in addition to the review

by a panel of experts based on published selection criteria. Objectives and research topics of the two NRP are formulated in the respective implementation plan.

Relevant legal documents you can find on www.snf.ch > About us > Statutes & legal framework:

- Funding Regulations
- General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations
- Regulations on information, valorisation and rights to research results

Implementation plans of NRP 68 and NRP 69 you can find on www.nrp68.ch > Portrait > Goals and www.nrp69 > Portrait > Goals.

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and the Swiss National Science Foundation will fund the Swiss partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.

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