

*National Research Programme 78 „Covid-19“ of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)*

### **Information on opportunities for researchers in Austria to participate**

In response to the pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the SNSF on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council is launching a National Research Programme (NRP). In the framework of the NRP proposals for research projects can be submitted that address the following topics:

Module 1	Basic aspects of the biology, pathogenicity and immunogenicity of Sars-CoV-2
Module 2	New approaches in Covid-19 epidemiology and disease prevention
Module 3	Covid-19 vaccine, drug and diagnostics development
Module 4	Clinical Covid-19 research and therapeutic interventionst

For further **details of the call**, please visit the **SNSF website** at:

<http://www.snf.ch/en/researchinFocus/newsroom/Pages/news-200430-call-for-proposals-nrp-78-covid-19.aspx>

As part of its long-standing cooperation with the SNSF, the FWF is funding the project parts of participating researchers in Austria. The usual guidelines for DACH projects apply for the funding of the Austrian project parts. This means, for instance:

- Funding of **closely integrated** Swiss-Austrian research projects
- **Substantial scholarly contributions** on the part of the project teams in both countries
- Funding of the Austrian project parts by the FWF on the basis of the guidelines for [FWF Stand-Alone Projects](#) or the [Clinical Research Programme](#) (KLIF)
- **The largest share of funding** for the project parts in Switzerland
- Maximum eligible project duration of **2 years**
- Submission of the proposal to the SNSF (incl. **description** and **justification of costs** for the project part funded by the FWF)
- Decision by the FWF Board in **summer 2020** based on the funding recommendation of the SNSF

For **all further details**, please see the [“Information sheet: D-A-CH Lead Agency Procedure Stand-Alone Projects”](#).

**The deadline for submitting proposals is 25 May 2020.**

**Applicants to the FWF** must submit the administrative and financial information of the Austrian project part to the FWF via **Elane** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>) under the “**I – International Programmes**” category by the deadline on 25 May 2020. The signed cover sheet must be sent to the FWF either by post (**date of the postmark**) or by email ([office@fwf.ac.at](mailto:office@fwf.ac.at)) **by no later than 25 May 2020**. All other information (project description, CV/publication list of the applicant to the FWF) must be submitted only to the SNSF.

The opportunity described above to participate in the SNSF call is to be seen as a **complementary to the FWF’s “SARS-CoV-2 urgent funding” initiative**. As part of this urgent funding initiative, applicants can submit proposals for bilateral Austrian-Swiss research projects in which the largest share of funding is requested for the project parts in Austria. For more information on this, please [see here](#).

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