EPFL Instructions for SNSF Ambizione

### The Program at a Glance

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<th>Ambizione grants are aimed at young researchers who wish to conduct, manage and lead an independent project at a Swiss higher education institution. The funding scheme would like to promote qualified researchers from Switzerland as well as excellent researchers from abroad. In addition, researchers working as non-professorial teaching staff at higher education institutions are entitled to apply for project funds under Ambizione.</th>
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| Eligibility criteria | • PhD obtained no more than 4 years prior to the application deadline  
• Research activities of at least 12 months after the PhD at an institution different from the one where the doctorate was obtained |
| How much | Max. CHF 400,000 CHF (project funds) plus PI’s salary |
| For what | • PI’s salary  
• PhD student salary (SNSF salary scale)  
• Postdoc salary (the SNSF will only pay 50%)  
• Costs directly related to the realisation of the project (e.g. for infrastructure/core facilities, consumables, equipment, travel, conferences and open access publications; max. 3,000 CHF per publication)  
• Following an internal directive, the EPFL will not co-finance equipment valued >100,000 CHF for the Ambizione grant application. If you request equipment valued >100,000 CHF the co-financing must be provided by host laboratory and the host laboratory must include a formal commitment in the proposal |
| How long | Max. 48 months |
| When to apply | Next call expected in Autumn 2017 |

### ReO services

| Services | • Personal advice  
• Budget template and annotated administrative part included in the Toolkit |
| Institutional signature | For this instrument, special EPFL documents are required prior to the submission:  
• A support letter from the Host Professor (see the template in the toolkit)  
• A letter co-signed by the Dean of the hosting unit/lab’s school and by the Vice president for research. This letter is prepared by the Research Office provided that we receive the Host Professor’s support letter at least 10 days before the deadline |

### Instructions Step by Step

| Application | The criteria and general conditions that the project needs to satisfy are set out in detail in the regulations and guidelines.  
The minimum activity permitted is 80% (see article 6 of the regulations). Teaching is only permitted if it is directly related to the Ambizione project (max. 10%). |
| Submission | Register your proposal on GrantsDB as soon as it is submitted on mySNF. External candidates can email their complete application as a PDF to the research office and we will upload it on GrantsDB. All documents are treated as confidential. |
| Evaluation procedure | Ambizione grants are awarded after a two-level selection procedure, the second step being a presentation and interview by members of the National research council. |

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