



# SNS Research Fellowships Procedures

## Timing for 2026:

- April 01 open submission
- June 22 deadline for application
- November 2026: Announcement of the prizes at the 1<sup>st</sup> Swiss NeuroWeek in Bern

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## 1) Application and Evaluation Process

### 2x SNS Research Fellowship (25.000 CHF each) with matching funds from institutions

- SAYN membership is required (thus, residents are selected), no further age criteria.
- Matching Funds are a prerequisite. A signed letter from the host institution granting matching funds (25.000 CHF/ fellowship) and full support of the candidate must be provided upon admission.
- Main purpose of the fellowship is to grant protected research time for the candidate in a research institution in Switzerland.
- Money is transferred to institutions. However, the SNS is not in the position to compensate institutions for the administration of the SNS funds, nor is it allowed to take out overheads from any funding granted by the SNS. The money is for support of the candidate only.
- If rejected, applicants can re-apply.

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## 2) Formal Criteria:

- A former fellowship winner will not be awarded again.
- Application for prize and fellowship are possible by the same person.
- For the SNS fellowships, criteria are scientific question, methods, feasibility, potential of the applicant.
- For the SNS Research fellowship clear criteria with respect to format, structure, and length of proposal must be adhered to (see below).
- The proposal must be written in English.
- Grants need to be started within one year after awarding.

**Gender and Diversity:** no quota; but diversity will be considered.

### The scientific part should not exceed 6 pages following this structure:

1. Name of the applicant and title of the project
2. Summary (1 page)
3. Background (1 page)
4. Rationale, hypothesis and specific aims (1 page)
5. Experimental plans including own previous results and methodology (2 pages)
6. Significance for persons with a neurological disease (1 page)
7. References (not limited)
8. CV of the applicant
9. Applications should be written in Arial 10, space 1.15, margin 2.0
10. Figures and tables illustrating the application are encouraged
11. Must be submitted in English
12. Only 25.000 CHF can be applied for; this must be used for protected research time (no consumables can be granted). It needs to be clearly stated how other project costs will be covered.



### 3) Reporting Procedure

- 2.5 years after the year of awarding of the project (January after end of project), IMK (cc scientific committee) sends out an Email to applicants asking for:

***1 page reporting about the project including answers to the questions***

- a) Summary of what was achieved.*
- b) Results (publications other results of the project mentioning the SNG funding)?*
- c) Were matching funds received?*
- d) The report should express how the project has gone and whether there are any deviations from the original project plan.*
- e) This report needs to be signed by the applicant and the head of the institution.*
- f) The report is made available to the SC by IMK.*