



Clarification of some common misunderstandings

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« 1 PI 1 Grant » Only a legend! It is not true!

In project funding:

- This applies only and only to a given call
- In project funding you can submit a second project if the topic is significantly different
- Besides you can always get an additional grant from the program funding schemes

Collaborative projects

- Collaborative projects are possible within project funding
- Collaborative projects in project funding don't have to be interdisciplinary
- Collaborative projects are even possible within the same research area
- Grants for collaborative projects may be increased to take account of the participation of two or more applicants
- Many SNSF instruments are also enabling international collaborative projects

Employee categories

Three categories of employees are funded under SNSF grants:

- **Doctoral students**
- **Postdocs**
- **Other employees:**

The category "Other employees" comprises:

- employees with a degree who do not intend to do a doctorate;
- employees with a doctorate who are not included in the postdoc category due to their period of employment and eligibility period;
- technicians & auxiliary staff

Use-inspired basic research

Projects may be use-inspired in different ways, depending on the discipline.

Criteria indicating that a project might be use-inspired:

- **Aim:** the project aims to produce scientific insights and solve practical problems;
- **Cognitive/Conceptual:** although the project is primarily concerned with basic science, it might help to resolve practical problems or issues;
- **Source of the research question:** the question was defined by scientists in collaboration with a user/practitioner community

Use-inspired basic research

Implementation in the near future: the project has the potential to be implemented in the near future (e.g. by means of technology transfer financed with a Innosuisse grant);

Types of output: the project will produce academic and non-academic publications;

Target audience: the results will be made accessible to a lay public outside academia;

People involved: the research team is composed of scientists and practitioners;

-> If several of the above-mentioned criteria are met, the project is likely to be use-inspired.

Use-inspired basic research

In order to encourage the success of this type of projects, the SNSF is in the process to:

- fully implement the DORA declaration
- give greater weight to the broader impact of projects during the evaluation
- include at least one expert from practice
- ensure greater diversity in the evaluation bodies

Data management plan

The SNSF expects all its funded researchers to:

- Store the research data they have worked on and produced during the course of their research work
- Share these data with other researchers

Exceptions: when they are bound by legal, ethical, copyright, confidentiality or other clauses.

- Deposit data and metadata onto existing public repositories in formats that anyone can find, access and reuse without restriction (FAIR)

Data management plan

Will my DMP be evaluated?

No. The DMP does not undergo any scientific evaluation and therefore does not influence the rating of a proposal.

My research is based on confidential or sensitive data. How can I share them?

Sensitive data does not preclude sharing, unless the rights and privacy of the subjects cannot be protected. For example, before initiating any studies involving patients, carefully consider the study design, the informed consent documents and the structure of the resulting data.