

**Expression of Interest (EOI) for the
U.S. National Science Foundation and Swiss National Science Foundation
Pilot Lead Agency Opportunity**

Please complete the form below and submit your completed EOI following the instructions at <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oise/IntlCollaborations/Switzerland.jsp>. EOIs should be submitted at least 60 calendar days in advance of submitting a full proposal. Additional information about this Lead Agency Opportunity is available at https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf23049.

When completing the requested summary budgetary information below, please keep in mind budgetary norms and limits for the programs at NSF and SNSF. For proposals involving the NSF Directorate for Geosciences, the maximum funding request on the NSF side is \$400,000 when SNSF is the Lead Agency.

Please be mindful of programmatic submission deadlines. Check the NSF programs' websites for applicable dates. Full proposals must be submitted in accordance with submission dates for the program(s) considering the proposal.

Project Details

Target NSF Program(s)	
Directorate/Division of Target NSF Program	
Proposed Project Title	
Proposed Project Duration (<i>Months</i>)	
U.S. PI Name (<i>Surname, Given Name</i>)	
U.S. PI Email Address	
U.S. PI Affiliation	
Swiss PI Name (<i>Surname, Given Name</i>)	
Swiss PI Email Address	
Swiss PI Affiliation	
Other Collaborators (<i>Include Names, Emails and Affiliations for U.S. Senior Personnel and Key Swiss Collaborators</i>)	
Approximate Budget to be Requested from NSF for U.S. Costs (<i>in USD</i>)	
Approximate Budget to be Requested from SNSF for Swiss Costs (<i>in USD</i>)	
Total Approximate Budget (<i>Sum of U.S. and Swiss budgets, USD</i>)	
Estimated Number of U.S. Postdocs Supported	
Estimated Number of U.S. Students Supported	
Estimated Number of U.S. Summary Salary Months Requested	
Please confirm all institutions involved have agreed to this submission (click on box)	All institutions have agreed.

Please be sure to include indirect and administrative costs for the U.S. budget at this stage. Full proposal budgets should not vary from those specified in the EOI by more than 10% and any such changes should be fully justified.

Project Description

Please include a brief description of the proposed project (1000 words maximum). This project description can be written in the box below or appended to the end of this form (please add a note in the box below if you append additional pages). Please include:

- the main objectives of the proposed research,
- the main challenges of the proposed research,
- the methodologies to be used, and
- the outputs, impact, and beneficiaries.

Proposers are strongly encouraged to address broader impacts/relevance in EOIs as full proposals that do not adequately address broader impacts or relevance may potentially be declined by NSF regardless of Lead Agency.

Submitting a Full Proposal

NSF will communicate its decision about the eligibility of the EOI to the PIs. If NSF has not approved the EOI prior to submission of a full proposal, the proposal may not be considered for evaluation (i.e., may be returned without review) regardless of the Lead Agency.

If your EOI is accepted as falling within the scope of research typically reviewed by the NSF program indicated in the EOI, you will be welcomed to submit a full research proposal. It is expected that full proposals will be submitted within 12 months of EOI acceptance. In the case of the original EOI expiring, applicants should contact the cognizant NSF Program Officer for clarification on how to proceed, as a new EOI may be necessary. Where applicable, the proposal will be submitted by established program deadlines or target dates, as determined by the Lead Agency.

Data Sharing

Data are shared between NSF and SNSF to enable the secure and efficient processing of EOIs and full proposals for the NSF-SNSF Lead Agency Opportunity. Data shared include EOIs, proposal attachments, and anonymized peer reviews and panel comments. Data are to be shared via a secure means of transfer. NSF and SNSF are committed to maintaining data confidentiality, protection, and privacy and intend to fully abide by their own applicable laws and policies concerning the sharing of data in collaborative activities. NSF and SNSF will follow their own data retention policies once data are shared from one to the other.