

## Call for candidates to apply to the SNSF Eccellenza and Ambizione Programs

The Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) welcomes excellent candidates to the two programs of the Swiss National Science Foundation ([SNSF](#)): Ambizione and Eccellenza.

- Ambizione awards four-years grants for researchers who fulfil following criteria:
  - At least 12 months of postdoctoral research activity at a different institution from that of the doctoral thesis.
  - Maximum 4 years from the doctorate.
- Eccellenza funds junior professor positions for researchers who fulfil following criteria:
  - At least 3 years of research experience after the PhD and up to 8 years from the PhD.
  - Degree from an institution of higher education in Switzerland or at least 2 years of activity at a Swiss higher education institution by the submission deadline.
  - Research stay of several years at an institution different from that where the doctorate was obtained, thereof at least 1 year abroad.

These are **highly competitive and prestigious grant schemes** targeted to post-doctoral researchers wishing to pursue an academic career in Switzerland.

Candidates should fulfil the following conditions:

- They have an excellent academic track record, especially in terms of publications (commensurate to the academic age) and firm ambitions to pursue an academic career.
- They match the SNSF requirements for [Ambizione](#) or [Eccellenza](#) concerning citizenship, mobility, academic age. Mobility criteria are highly important for these programs, which are primarily oriented to people coming to USI from outside.
- They demonstrate interest in scientific domains represented at USI.

Potential candidates fulfilling these requirements should send the following documents to the USI Research Service ([dafne.pedrazzoli@usi.ch](mailto:dafne.pedrazzoli@usi.ch) for Ambizione; [Benedetto.lepori@usi.ch](mailto:Benedetto.lepori@usi.ch) for Eccellenza):

- A complete CV including publication list;
- A statement of their interest for USI, indicating their specific research interests, how they fit into USI scientific profile, and identify the host institute in which they expect to be integrated.

### Deadline for submitting applications:

- Ambizione/PRIMA: 1<sup>st</sup> of September (SNSF deadline 1<sup>st</sup> November).
- SNSF Professorships: 15<sup>th</sup> of October (SNSF deadline 1<sup>st</sup> February).

Applications will be first subject to a formal verification of the criteria indicated and then assessed by the relevant Faculty and department concerning the scientific quality, fit with USI scientific profile and chances of success at the SNF. No response will be given to application, which clearly do not meet the criteria.

We underline that this procedure aims at identifying good candidates, which deserve support from USI when submitting their application to SNSF; *USI has no influence on the selection process at the SNSF, which is solely based on the scientific quality of applicants.*