



# SNI Call for PhD Project Proposals in Nanoscience

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The Swiss Nanoscience Institute (SNI) launches its seventh call for PhD projects in nanoscience. Each successful project will become part of the **SNI PhD program in nanoscience** initiated in 2012. The selected PhD candidates will become junior members of the SNI and benefit from personal support, a strongly interdisciplinary social environment, training in soft skills offered by the PhD program and many internal SNI events. Doctoral students must enroll at the University of Basel on the next possible date and for the entire duration of their studies. A list of currently supported SNI PhD projects and more information can be found at [phd.nanoscience.ch](http://phd.nanoscience.ch).

**Funding:** The funding covers the salary for one PhD student plus operating expenses for a maximum of four years (basis: SNF salaries). A flat rate of 60'000 CHF per year for a theoretical project and 65'000 CHF per year for an experimental project will be granted.

**Scope:** The proposed research should address a novel undertaking in nanoscience and nanotechnology with roots in disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, and engineering. Preference will be given to projects where nanoscience and interdisciplinary aspects form the core of the proposal.

**Proposers:** The proposers necessarily are **principle investigators** at one of the academic institutions in Northwestern Switzerland (University of Basel, PSI, CSEM Muttenz, FHNW Muttenz, FHNW Windisch, or D-BSSE of ETHZ Basel). Each project requires two proposers: the main proposer ("Doktorvater") and the co-proposer. One of the proposers must be a professor (assistant, tenured or "titular") at the University of Basel and member of the Faculty of Science. The two proposers constitute the PhD

committee. For successful proposals, the main and co-proposer become senior members of the SNI.

**Selection of PhD candidates:** For all granted projects the SNI will launch a worldwide search for candidates. The decision is taken by the proposers.

## Submission

Please submit your proposal as a single pdf file by **May 31, 2018** to [Claudia.Wirth@unibas.ch](mailto:Claudia.Wirth@unibas.ch)

On the first page, please start with the project title and names of the two PIs, including affiliations and email addresses. Please indicate the faculty responsible professor. The proposal of a maximum length of **two A4 pages** can be formatted individually. Also required is a CV of one page per PI, which should be merged with the proposal into a single pdf file (max. four A4 pages overall). Use the name of the main proposer as the file name.

## Timeline

<b>May 31, 2018</b>	Deadline for project proposal submission to <a href="mailto:Claudia.Wirth@unibas.ch">Claudia.Wirth@unibas.ch</a>
June - July	Review process
Early August	Information about acceptance
August–Dec.	Search for candidates, interviews and hiring
Jan. 1, 2019	Earliest project start

## More Information

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