



# SNI Call for PhD Project Proposals in Nanoscience

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The Swiss Nanoscience Institute (SNI) launches its ninth call for PhD projects. A successful project becomes part of the **SNI PhD program in nanoscience** initiated in 2012. The selected PhD candidates become junior members of the SNI and benefit from the SNI network, personal support, a strongly interdisciplinary social environment, exclusive soft skill trainings 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 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 lump sum 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, or engineering.

**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 constituting the PhD committee: the main proposer ("Doktorvater") and the co-proposer. At least one of the proposers must be a professor in "Gruppierung I" at the University of Basel and member of the Faculty of Science ("faculty responsible"). Both proposers must be employed permanently for least 50% by one of the above institutions. If successful, both proposers become senior members of the SNI.

**Project evaluation:** The proposals will be evaluated by several reviewers based on 1) the scientific quality, 2) the relevance for nanoscience or nanotechnology, with a preference for interdisciplinary projects, and 3) the proposed collaborations in the SNI network, e.g. partners with a different expertise at different SNI institutions.

**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, 2020** 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, and indicate the faculty responsible. 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). Use the name of the main proposer as the file name.

## Timeline

<b>May 31, 2020</b>	Deadline for project proposal
June – July	Review process
Mid August	Information about acceptance
August – Dec.	Search for PhD candidates
Jan. 1, 2021	Earliest project start

## More Information

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