



## Swiss Nanoscience Institute PhD School – Information sheet for Principal Investigators

### General information

Maximum project **funding period: 48 months**

Scope of funding: **CHF 65,000 per 12 months** (maximum CHF 260,000); if the doctorate is completed before the end of the 48 months, payment will be made on a pro rata basis in the final year.

### Recruiting a doctoral student

The position must be filled by **30 September** in the year for which funding has been approved.

Doctoral students can be recruited in two ways:

1. At the **University of Basel**: Doctoral students are recruited by the SNI; the SNI management must be informed of the appointment in plenty of time.
2. At an **SNI partner institution** (CSEM, D-BSSE at the ETHZ in Basel, FHNW, PSI): The partner organization manages the recruitment process in accordance with its own principles and invoices the SNI for any expenses. The PI must inform the SNI management in advance.

The doctoral student works **predominantly** at the institution in which they are employed.

### Financial matters

The SNI currently pays the doctoral student's **salary** (adjusted in line with SNSF salaries) plus flat rates for non-wage labor costs.

The remaining budget can be used for travel expenses, consumable supplies and smaller investments. Please note that costs will only be reimbursed that are **directly connected to the funded doctoral project**. Accounts are **specific to individual persons**. The PI is responsible for ensuring that only costs relating to the doctoral project are invoiced.

**Funds not exhausted** within a particular year will be **carried over to the following year automatically**.

We prefer partner institutions to send **invoices** monthly or quarterly at the latest. Invoices submitted later than this cannot be accepted.

The SNI PhD School pays for the doctoral student's **half-fare card** from its own funds.



## Rights and duties of the doctoral student

The successful candidate is obligated to matriculate and complete their doctorate at the University of Basel. **Confirmation of matriculation** must be submitted to the SNI management without request within **two months of commencing employment**.

The doctoral student is a **member of the SNI PhD School** (for more information, see the SNI membership regulations).

The doctoral student is obligated to participate in all **SNI PhD School events** (e.g. SNI Annual Meeting, Nanoscience in the Snow, soft skill events) and to communicate their **dissertation progress** in the relevant forums and the SNI's **Annual Report**. All specified deadlines and requirements must be fulfilled.

The **SNI logo\*** must be displayed on all publications (posters, presentations, videos, etc.). The acknowledgements must include a statement such as **"This work was supported by the Swiss Nanoscience Institute."** and the doctoral student's affiliation to the SNI must also be stated; ideally, the PI's affiliation should also be mentioned. The address is: Swiss Nanoscience Institute, University of Basel, Klingelbergstrasse 82, 4056 Basel, Switzerland.

As soon as a paper is accepted in which an SNI doctoral student has played a significant role, please inform Christel Möller, SNI Communication Manager ([c.moeller@unibas.ch](mailto:c.moeller@unibas.ch)), who will decide how to share this information on social media.

We assume that the doctoral student will complete their dissertation within the four years funded by the SNI. If this proves impossible, the PIs must undertake to fund the doctoral student via other means until their dissertation defense. After the third year, we expect a short report on the completion date and any additional funding required.

The doctoral student must inform the SNI of the **date and result** of their **oral doctoral exam** in a timely manner.

Please read this information sheet and the SNI membership regulations thoroughly and comply with all provisions.

PIs bear full responsibility for compliance with rules, regulations and deadlines.

\*) Link to download the SNI logo: <https://nanoscience.ch/de/media-2/download-logo/>

You can find more information about the SNI PhD School on our website: [www.phd.nanoscience.ch](http://www.phd.nanoscience.ch)

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